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OF THE

BOARD OF FINANCE

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MEMBERS

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BOARD OF FINANCE

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HENRY BRAUTIGAM. WM. F. MIDLIGE.
JAMES S. BAILEY. HENRY L. KELLERS.
REUBEN SIMPSON.

HENRY BRAUTIGAM . . . PRESIDENT.
MARTIN FINCK . . . . . CLERK.

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ORGANIZATION MEETING.

A meeting of the Board of Finance of Jersey City was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Friday, April 23, 1897, at twelve (12) o'clock noon, for the purpose of organization.

Present—Messrs. Henry Brautigam, James S. Bailey, Jacob J. Detwiller, Henry L. Kellers and Reuben Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The meeting was called to order by Martin Finck, Clerk of the Board, who then read the following official communications:—

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, April 23, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I desire to notify your honorable Board that by virtue of the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act concerning the government of cities of this State," approved April sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, I have appointed the following named persons to the positions designated:—

Mr. James S. Bailey, member of the Board of Finance of Jersey City, for the term of two years, from April 23, A. D. 1897, to succeed himself.

Mr. Jacob J. Detwiller, member of the Board of Finance of Jersey City, for the term of two years, from April 23, A. D. 1897, to succeed himself.

Very respectfully,

PETER F. WANSER,

Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Kellers the Board went into an election of temporary chairman.

Mr. Detwiller nominated Mr. Simpson, and on motion Mr. Simpson was elected temporary chairman.

The Board then went into an election of President of the Board, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Detwiller nominated Mr. Henry Brautigam.

No other nomination was made.

A balloting was had (Messrs. Detwiller and Kellers acting as tellers) with the following result:—

Mr. Henry Brautigam received four (4) votes and Mr. Simpson received one (1) vote.

The temporary chairman then declared Henry Brautigam duly elected President of the Board of Finance for the ensuing year, beginning April 23, 1897.

Upon assuming the chair the President-elect thanked the Board for the honor conferred upon him in selecting him as their President.

The Board then, on motion of Mr. Detwiller, proceeded to the election of a Clerk of the Board of Finance for the term of one year, beginning April 23, 1897.

Mr. Simpson nominated Mr. Martin Finck.

No other nomination was made.

A balloting was held (Messrs. Detwiller and Kellers acting as tellers) with the following result:—

Mr. Martin Finck received five (5) votes.

The President then declared Mr. Martin Finck duly elected Clerk of the Board of Finance, for the term of one year, beginning April 23, 1897.

The Board then, on motion of Mr. Simpson, went into an election of Assistant to the Clerk of the Board of Finance.

Mr. Kellers nominated Mr. Winfield C. Dunn.

No other nomination was made.

A balloting was had (Messrs. Detwiller and Kellers acting as tellers), with the following result:—

Mr. Winfield C. Dunn received five (5) votes.

The President then declared Winfield C. Dunn duly elected Assistant to the Clerk of the Board of Finance, for the term of one year, beginning April 23, 1897.

The President here announced the following temporary standing committee:—

Finance—Bailey, Detwiller and Kellers.

The following official communications were presented and they, together with the one already presented at an earlier stage of this meeting, were received and ordered filed:—

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, April 22, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I desire to inform your honorable Board that pursuant to the provisions of an act, entitled "An act concerning the government of cities of this State," approved April sixth, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, I have appointed the following named persons hereinafter designated to wit:—

Thomas D. Mills, member of the Board of Fire Commissioners of Jersey City, for the term of three years, from April 23, A. D. 1897, to succeed himself.

Peter W. M. West, member of the Board of Police Commissioners of Jersey City, for the term of three years, from April 23, A. D. 1897 to succeed himself.

John E. McArthur, member of the Board of Tax Commissioners of Jersey City, for the term of three years, from April 23, A. D. 1897, to succeed Mr. Richard Lahey.

Frank J. Matthews, member of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners of Jersey City, for the term of three years, from April 23, 1897, to succeed himself.

Samuel D. Dickinson, Treasurer of Jersey City, for the term of two years, from April 23, A. D. 1897, to succeed himself.

George R. Hough, City Comptroller of Jersey City, for the term of two years, from April 23, A. D. 1897, to succeed himself.

Very respectfully,

PETER F. WANSER,

Mayor.

Jersey City, April 22, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I am directed by his Honor the Mayor to inform you that he has appointed Mr. Emil E. Datz a member of the Board of City Hall Commissioners of Jersey City, and has designated him as President of said Board of City Hall Commissioners for the term of three (3) years from date hereof, by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'A further supplement to an act entitled "An act to enable cities in this State to furnish suitable accommodations for the transaction of public business,'" title as amended, approved April 15, 1897, which supplement was approved April 5, 1895, approved March 16, 1897.

Your attention is called to the fact that by the statute of 1897 it is the duty of your Board at the time of the appointment of the President of the Board of City Hall Commissioners to fix his annual salary.

Very respectfully yours,

JOHN J. NEVIN,

Mayor's Secretary.

The following official bonds, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel as to their form and also as to the sufficiency of the sureties, were presented, received and referred to the temporary Finance Committee:—

Samuel D. Dickinson, as City Treasurer, in the sum of $100,000, with Patrick H. Nugent, J. D. Carscallen, Oliver H. Perry and Dennis McLaughlin, as sureties.

Thomas D. Mills, as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, in the sum of $15,000, with Joseph Jewkes and Wm. V. Garrison as sureties.

Peter W. M. West, as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners, in the sum of $15,000, with Peter C. Ritscher and John Haesloop as sureties.

REPORT OF TEMPORARY FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Temporary Finance Committee reported, recommending that the following bonds, referred to it at this meeting, be received and approved and that the same be entered at large upon the bond book and filed:—

Samuel D. Dickinson, as City Treasurer; Thomas D. Mills, as a member of the Board of Fire Commissioners, and Peter W. M. West, as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners.

The report was received, the recommendations therein contained were adopted and the bonds were each approved by the following vote, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That the salary of Martin Finck, Clerk of the Board of Finance, this day elected for the term of one (1) year, from April 23, A. D. 1897, be and is hereby fixed at $1,800 per annum, payable in monthly installments of $150.

By Mr. Kellers:—

Resolved, That the salary of Winfield C. Dunn, assistant to the Clerk of the Board of Finance, this day elected for the term of one (1) year, from April 23, 1897, be

and is hereby fixed at $1,000 per annum, payable in monthly instalments of $83.33.

By Mr. Kellers:—

Resolved, That the rules of the preceding Board be and they are hereby adopted for the government of this Board until otherwise ordered.

By Mr. Bailey:—

Resolved, That the chair appoint a special committee of three (3) on rules for the government of this Board.

On motion of Mr. Simpson a recess of five minutes was then taken.

Upon the re-assembling of the Board the following members were present:—

President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—5. (All the members of the Board.)

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Finance Committee:—

Whereas, Joint outlet sewer bonds, to the amount of $36,639, were issued under resolution of October 6, 1891, and said bonds were made payable May 1, 1897; and

Whereas, The collections for said improvement will only warrant the payment of $12,639 of said bonds; be it

Resolved, That temporary loan bonds, to the amount of $24,000, be issued to pay like amount of joint outlet sewer bonds, due May 1, 1897; the bonds hereby authorized to be issued shall be payable on demand, with interest at the rate of not exceeding 4½% per annum; and be it further

Resolved, That all monies received or collected for or on account for such sewer shall be held and kept inviolable for the redemption of said bonds.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Temporary Finance Committee:—

Whereas, A preamble and resolutions, adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners, at its meeting held April 21, 1897, have been presented to this Board, duly certified under the hand of the Clerk of said Board, declaring the intention of said Board of Fire Commissioners to take advantage of the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act relative to the fire departments of cities of the first-class in this State," approved March 27, 1893 (being Chapter 264, page 467, of the session laws of that year), and to put the same in operation in this city, together with an itemized statement of the sums or amount of money necessary to enable said Board to carry into effect the provisions of said act; and

Whereas, By virtue of the provisions of said act the Board of Finance is hereby authorized and required to borrow such sum of money as certified as aforesaid, in anticipation of taxes to be hereafter levied, and to issue evidence of indebtedness of the city therefor under the hand of the Mayor and the corporate seal of the city, at a rate of interest not exceeding five (5) per centum per annum, and to provide for the payments of the same in the next tax levy, or to divide said sum so needed, as aforesaid, for the purposes referred to, so that one-half thereof may be placed in the tax levy to be levied next hereafter and the remainder in the tax levy of the year ensuing thereafter.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance in accordance with the provisions of the act entitled "An act relating to the fire departments of cities of the first class in this State," approved March 27, 1893, hereby agrees to and ratifies the action taken by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Jersey City, by preamble and resolutions, adopted by said Board at its meeting held April 21, 1897, which were duly certified to this Board under the hand of the Clerk of said Board, as referred to aforesaid, and presented to this Board at its meeting held April 22, 1897, and which showed that in order to take advantage of and put in operation in this city the provisions of said act heretofore referred to, from and after May 1, 1897, and until December 1, 1897 (the beginning of the next fiscal year), the sum of $24,750.17 will be required to be appropriated to supplement account of "salaries," Board of Fire Commissioners, tax levy fiscal year 1896-97, for the purposes as aforesaid and in said act provided; and

Resolved, That said sum of $24,750.17 be and the same is hereby appropriated by this Board, as in said act provided, and that in order to raise said amount the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to issue a temporary loan bond or bonds in said sum, at a rate of interest not to exceed four (4) per centum; and that this Board, as in said act provided, hereby divides said sum so raised so that the payments of one-half thereof ($12,375.09), with interest, shall be provided for in the tax levy next hereafter to be made; and the payment of the remainder thereof ($12,375.08), with interest, shall be provided for in the tax levy of the year ensuing next thereafter to be made;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, in the sum of $24,750.17, to place said amount to the credit of the appropriation for "Salaries," Board of Fire Commissioners, fiscal year 1896-97, for the purposes as heretofore provided; and

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board

be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Board of Fire Commissioners.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, April 26, 1897, at 4 P. M.

Adopted.

The President announced the following Special Committee on Rules:—

Simpson, Bailey and Kellers.

The Board then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Monday, April 26, 1897, at four o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following official bonds were presented, received, and they were each referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Bond of George R. Hough as City Comptroller, in the sum of $50,000, with Richard C. Washburn, Hugh Dugan, Charles Turner and William H. Ewald as sureties.

Bond of William F. Ely as Deputy City Treasurer, in the sum of $50,000, with Rebecca Ely, John H. Heye and John Wheelihan as sureties.

Bond of John E. McArthur as Tax Commissioner, in the sum of $10,000 with Horace H. Farrier and Philip E. Martin as sureties.

Bond of John H. Masker as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with James F. Gannon and Cornelius J. Cronan as sureties.

Bond of Robert D. O'Beirne as Constable, in the sum of $1,000 with Edmund T. Birch and Horace H. Farrier as sureties.

Bond of Charles S. Bennett as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Edmund T. Birch and Louis Sellier as sureties.

Bond of Frederick P. Budden as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Philip E. Martin and Horace H. Farrier as sureties.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

The Jersey City News, $229.16; A. Datz, $4 and $2; Charles H. Dayton, $17.69; Corbin & Corbin, $3,315.95; N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $2.40; A. Kantrowich & Bro., $2.50.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Treasurer:—

Jersey City, April 23, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I hereby inform you that I have appointed William F. Ely as Deputy City Treasurer, to date from April 23, 1897.

Yours respectfully,

S. D. DICKINSON,

City Treasurer.

Received and ordered placed on file.

The following resolution requesting the concurrence of the Board of Finance was presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted April 23, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending that the following official bonds be approved, ordered spread at large on the bond book and filed:—

Bond of George R. Hough, as City Comptroller, in the sum of $50,000, with Richard C. Washburn, Hugh Dugan, Charles Turner and William H. Ewald as sureties.

Bond of William F. Ely, as Deputy City Treasurer, in the sum of $50,000, with Rebecca Ely, John H. Heye and John Wheelihan as sureties.

Bond of John E. McArthur, as Tax Commissioner, in the sum of $10,000, with Horace H. Farrier and Philip E. Martin as sureties.

Bond of John H. Masker, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with James F. Gannon and Cornelius J. Cronan as sureties.

Bond of Robert D. O'Beirne, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Edmund T. Birch and Horace Farrier as sureties.

Bond of Charles S. Bennett as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Edmund T. Birch and Louis Sellier as sureties.

Bond of Frederick P. Budden as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Philip E. Martin and Horace H. Farrier as sureties.

The report was received, the recommendations therein contained were adopted, and the bonds were each approved by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners April 16, 1897, and which forms a part of the series of resolutions passed on said date, referring to the purchase of certain lands for park purposes, to wit:—

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of the Act cited, the Board of Finance be and is hereby requested to further appropriate to this Board the sum of $15,420.24, such sum being the balance remaining of $50,000 after deducting from said $50,000 the warrants herein authorized, and the purchase price of park site heretofore acquired on Jackson place, it being the purpose of the Board to expend such balance in the laying out and improvement of park sites on Garfield avenue and Jackson place.

The report was received and the resolution was concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The same committee further reported, recommending that the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the following claims:—

April 23, 1897:—William H. Black, $4.65; N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $200; John Comer, $229; N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $6.60; Jersey City Harness Co., $57.40 and $40.10; John McCarthy, $24; Savage & Callary, $50.63; Wood & Menagh, $83.51 and $52.14; Charles L. Rugge, $112.30; H. F. Hayes, $69.30, $89.02 and $86.63; Charles H. Dayton, $76.10; C. C. Vermeule, $583.32 and $583.32.

The report was received and the resolution was concurred in by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering paid the following claim:—

$229.16 to The Jersey City News, for publishing official minutes in April, 1897. (Chargeable to account "Publishing Minutes.")

The report was received and the claim was ordered paid by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented, received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By Mr. Detwiller:—

Resolved, That the salary of Emil E. Datz, member of the Board of City Hall Commissioners, appointed by his Honor the Mayor on April 22, 1897, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 391 of the Laws of 1895, be and is hereby fixed at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, payable in monthly payments of $166.66.

By Mr. Detwiller:—

Resolved, That Emil E. Datz, a member of the Board of City Hall Commissioners, appointed by his Honor the Mayor April 22, 1897, be and is hereby required to present to the Board of Finance for its acceptance and approval a bond for the faithful discharge of his duties, in the sum of ten thousand ($10,000) dollars, to be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That the preamble and resolutions adopted by this Board December 17, 1896, relative to providing for the raising of $10,000 to pay claims for advertising, etc., in connection with improvements, ordered under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289, etc,. of the Laws of 1895, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby appropriates the sum of $10,000 to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to be used in paying claims for advertising, etc., under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., Laws of 1895. the amounts hertofore appropriate for such purpose having been exhausted, and in order to raise said sum the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to issue temporary loan bonds in the sum of $10,000, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4% per annum, the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be set aside for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to pay claims for advertising, etc., under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., Laws of 1895, and that said amount of $10,000 be and is hereby placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That when this Board shall have set aside the sum of $100,000 for the payment of park sites and the improvement, etc., of the same, the sum of $15,420.24 is hereby appropriated and ordered set aside out of said sum of $100,000 to enable the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to expend said sum of $15,420.24 for the laying out and improvement of Park sites on Garfield avenue and Jackson place.

By Mr. Kellers:—

Whereas, This Board in the tax levy for the year 1896-1897 has appropriated the sum of $2,500 to pay claims and contingencies; and

Whereas, This appropriation was partly made for the purpose of liquidating certain claims which were incurred before the appropriation to meet the same was exhausted, and against which claims the city has no defense, the work and materials charged for having been regularly ordered, and performed and furnished, and the Clerk of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners having certified that the claims were duly presented to said Board, but never paid, there being no funds available for liquidating the same; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Kuederly for $462 for building re-

taining wall on Hoboken avenue, as per bill presented to Board of Street and Water Commissioners, September 1, 1896, and that said sum be paid out of account claims and contingencies, Board of Finance, fiscal year 1896-1897; and further

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of P. C. Vreeland, attorney for S. M. Dean, for $39 to pay for use of sewer trucks, month of April, 1893, to be paid out of account of claims and contingencies, Board of Finance, fiscal year 1896-1897.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then took a recess of five minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board the following members were present:—

President Brautigam and Messrs. Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, April 29, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Detwiller, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Under the provisions of section three (3) of an Act entitled "A further supplement to an Act entitled 'An Act concerning cities of the first-class, in this State, and constituting municipal Boards of Street and Water Commissioners therein, and defining the powers and duties of such municipal Boards and relating to the municipal affairs and departments of such cities, placed under the control and management of such Boards, and providing for the maintenance of the same,' approved March twenty-eight, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, which further supplement was approved March 30, 1896," this Board is authorized to issue the obligations of the city for the purchase and acquirement of lands for public parks and for the laying out and the improvement of the same in an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars and make the same payable at such time and times as this Board may determine, and to establish a sinking fund for the payment of the same; and

Whereas, This Board, in accordance with the provisions of the Act already quoted, has concurred in resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, for the purchase of lands for public parks.

Resolved, That this Board issue bonds amounting to the sum of $100,000 park bonds, to be issued in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk of Jersey City and countersigned by the City Comptroller; said bonds to be payable thirty (30) years from the date thereof in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, with interest at the rate of not exceeding four and one-half per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, in like gold coin; and

Resolved, That a sinking fund be and the same is hereby created to pay off the principal of said $100,000 of park bonds hereby authorized to be issued under said Act of March 30, 1896, by inserting in the tax levy each year hereafter the sum of $2,000, said sums to be placed in said sinking fund and so invested as to be available for the payment of said "Park Bonds" when due.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance, was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Thursday, April 29, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Detwiller Kellers and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

The President here announced that the Standing Committee shall be the same as the previous Board and to constitute the same members.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following official bonds of Constables duly approved by the Corporation Counsel as having been drawn in legal form, and as to sufficiency of sureties were presented and received, and they were each referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bond of Martin Foley, in the sum of $1,000, with Patrick Coyle and Peter J. Gorman as sureties.

Bond of John J. Hanlon, in the sum of $1,000, with Michael Farley and Dennis Gallagher as sureties.

Bond of Michael A. Egan, in the sum of $1,000, with James O'Connor and Patrick Smith, as sureties.

Bond of John H. O'Brien, in the sum of $1,000, with Martin Kelly and Silas C. Baldwin, as sureties.

Bond of John Jelly, in the sum of $1,000, with John Mitchell and Frederick W. Payne as sureties.

Bond of Nicholas P. Wedin, in the sum of $1,000, with John H. Masker and James N. Braden as sureties.

Bond of Owen Fitzsimons, in the sum of $500, with Patrick Baxter and Henry Byrne as sureties.

Bond of John Hogan, in the sum of $2,000, with Daniel Y. Lewis and Bridget Lee as sureties.

Bond of Frank Meyer, in the sum of $1,000, with Henry Windecker and Henry Puster as sureties.

Bond of John M. Leonard, Jr., in the sum of $1,000, with Joseph Samuel and Robert Elliott as sureties.

Bond of George W. Britton, in the sum of $1,000, with Monroe Simmons and John M. Rapp as sureties.

Bond of George M. Morgan, in the sum of $1,000, with Joseph McComb and John H. Keim as sureties.

Bond of Robert J. Livingston, in the sum of $1,000, with James A. Gordon and John Troll as sureties.

Bond of Thomas Golden, in the sum of $1,000, with Lawrence Sutton and John Conway as sureties.

Bond of Thomas Enright, in the sum of $1,000, with Patrick Nolan and Timothy G. Cagney as sureties.

The following official bonds were also presented and received, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel as having been drawn in legal form, and as to sufficiency of sureties, and they were each referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bond of Anthony Hauck, as member of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, in the sum of $10,000, with Marcus Boithardt and Jacob Keller as sureties.

Bond of James S. Nolan, as member of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, in the sum of $10,000 with John Hopkins and Samuel Nagle as sureties.

The following communication was presented and received, and they were each referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Jersey City, April 29, 1897.

Hon Board of Finance, Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—We herewith bid par and interest for the one hundred thousand dollars 4 per cent. park bonds, issued under resolution of your Board April 26, 1897.

THIRD NATIONAL BANK, JERSEY CITY,

Per HENRY LEMBECK,
Vice President.

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33 Wall St., New York, April 29, 1897.

Finance Committee, Jersey City, New Jersey:—

Gentlemen—For the $100,000 thirty year four per cent. gold bonds of Jersey City, N. J., dated May 1, 1897, due May 1, 1927, interest payable May and November, issued for park purposes, we agree to pay par and interest.

Respectfully,

BLAIR & CO.

The following communications were presented and received and referred to the President of the Board:—

Jersey City, April 29, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance and Taxation:—

Gentlemen—I am directed by the Ravine Road Sewer Commission to inform your Honorable Board that his Honor the Mayor has approved of a plan for a joint outlet from the Ninth Ward sewer and the Ravine Road sewer, as agreed upon at the conference called by him and held between your Board, the Street and Water Board and myself, as President of the Sewer Commission.

As outlined at that conference, the proper legislation as contained in Chapter 159 of the Laws of 1897, was secured last winter and the Commission is now ready to advertise for proposals and proceed to commence the work of carrying out this long delayed improvement.

A copy of the general plan approved by the Mayor accompanies this communication, and the Commission requests that your Board signify by resolution your assent to the immediate prosecution of the work.

Respectfully,

E. W. HARRISON,
Prest. Ravine Road Commission.

The following petitions were present-

ed, received and they were each referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims:

Petition of Valeria L. Martin, for the return of $151.52, surplus paid in redemption of land sold for taxes.

Petition of Michael Doyle, for the return of $27.40, over payment of taxes on Lot 44, Block 170, No. 51 Newark avenue.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

A. H. Rickey, Assistant Secretary of State, $7, $2 and $4; A. Datz, $53.05 and $5; W. W. Chilver, $26; Charles H. Dayton, $5.66; George B. Fielder, $165.69; J. W. Harrison, $20.85 and $51.75.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From his Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., April 29, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I desire to inform your honorable Board that I have appointed Mr. William P. Douglass Corporation Attorney of Jersey City, N. J., to succeed Mr. Spencer Weart, resigned, by virtue of the provisions of an act, entitled "An act to establish a law department in cities of the first class in this State, to provide for the appointment and duties of the law officers therein, and for their compensation and terms of office," passed May 16, A. D. 1894, and have fixed his compensation at the rate of thirty-five hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly.

Very respectfully,

P. F. WANSER,
Mayor.

Ordered placed on file.

From the City Comptroller:—

Jersey City, April 29, 1897.

Hon Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed Frank P. Van Saun as Deputy City Comptroller, in accordance with Section 1, Chapter 127, Laws of 1889.

Respectfully,

G. R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

From the City Comptroller:—

Jersey City, April 29, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed John T. Pringle as clerk in this office at a salary of $100 per month in accordance with Section 1, Chapter 127, Laws of 1889.

Respectfully,

G. R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

From the Board of Aldermen:—

Preamble and resolution, requesting the Board of Finance to appropriate the sum of $241.81 for the purpose of paying claims for the lighting of the old City Hall, December 1, 1896, to January 18, 1897.

(Adopted April 20, 1897.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the City Hall Commissioners:—

Resolution requesting the Board of Finance to appropriate the sum of four thousand dollars for the maintenance of the City Hall, fiscal year 1896-7.

(Adopted April 28, 1897.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted April 26, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted April 28, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted April 29, 1897.)

4. Awarding to Joseph H. Jones, the contract for the improvement of Newkirk street, from Sip avenue to Summit avenue, and of Dick street from Newkirk street to its southerly end. (n accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895.) Estimated cost, $8,253.30.

(Adopted April 29, 1897.)

5. Awarding to James J. Harrington, the contract for the improvement of Manning avenue, from Grand street to Johnston avenue. (In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895.) Estimated cost, $4,340.52.

(Adopted April 26, 1897.)

The following preamble and resolutions were received from the same Board, (adopted April 29, 1897,) and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

"Whereas, The East Jersey Water Company, has presented a proposal to this Board and to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, dated April 28, 1897, agreeing to the recitals, stipulations and conditions contained in the form of supplemental agreement for water supply adopted by this Board and entered in its minutes on April 19, 1897, and afterward adopted by the Board of Finance and approved by his Honor the Mayor, and in said proposal said company has agreed to and offered all the recitals, stipulations and conditions contained in said form of agreement, and has agreed that upon acceptance of the same by appropriate resolution, the said proposal and such resolution shall constitute a contract between the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and said Company, now therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance, subject to the approval of His Honor the Mayor, the said proposal of the East Jersey Water Company, is hereby accepted and agreed to and all the recitals, stipulations and conditions contained in said form of

supplemental agreement for water supply, are accepted, ratified, confirmed and adopted.

Accompanying the above preamble and resolution is the following communication:—

Jersey City, N. J., April 28, 1897.

To the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of Jersey City and the Mayor and Aldermen:—

We are in receipt of the form of supplemental agreement for water supply between the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and the East Jersey Water Company, which was, on April 19, 1897, in the form of resolutions, adopted and entered in the minutes of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and afterwards adopted by the Board of Finance, and approved by His Honor the Mayor of Jersey City.

We now agree to and offer all the recitals, stipulations and conditions contained in said form of agreement and agree that upon your acceptance of the same by appropriate resolution, this proposal and such resolution shall constitute a contract between the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and this company.

THE EAST JERSEY WATER COMPANY.

By HENRY S. DRINKER,

[L. S.] Vice President.

Attest:—

D. G. BAIRD,

Secretary.

Attached to the above communication was the following certificate:—

Jersey City, April 29, 1897.

Office of Clerk Board of Street and Water Commissioners.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a document on file in my office.

GEO. T. BOUTON,

Clerk.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, be concurred in:—

1. "Whereas. The East Jersey Water Company has presented a proposal to this Board and to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, dated April 28, 1897, agreeing to the recitals, stipulations and conditions contained in the form of supplemental agreement for water supply, adopted by this Board and entered in its minutes on April 19, 1897, and afterwards adopted by the Board of Finance and approved by His Honor the Mayor; and in said proposal said company has agreed to and offered all the recitals, stipulations and conditions contained in said form of agreement and has agreed that upon acceptance of the same by appropriate resolution, the said proposal and such resolution shall constitute a contract between the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and said company; now therefore

Resolved, That by and with the concurrence of the Board of Finance, subject to the approval of his Honor the Mayor, the said proposal of the East Jersey Water Company is hereby accepted and agreed to and all recitals, stipulations and conditions contained in said form of supplemental agreement for water supply are accepted, ratified, confirmed and adopted.

(Adopted April 29, 1897.)

2. Awarding to Joseph H. Jones the contract for the improvement of Newkirk street, from Sip avenue to Summit avenue, and of Dick street, from Newkirk to its southerly end (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Lews of 1895).

(Adopted April 29, 1897.)

3. Awarding to James J. Harrington the contract for the improvement of Manning avenue, from Grand street to Johnston avenue (estimated cost $4,340.52).

(Adopted April 29, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid the following claims:—

April 26, 1897—W. J. Burns, $45; Gilliland Bros., $32; R. B. Ingram, Jr., $14; Mackey, Young & Co., $85; Theo. Smith & Bro., $8.50; Jarvis F. Underhill, $8, $2.25, $2.10, $1.90, $25 and $10.35; A. K. Warren & Co., $239.50.

April 28, 1897—Brinkman & Hauck, $22.50, $40.60 and $18.40; Charles H. Dayton, $77.52; Albert Datz, $88.25 and $350; W. W. Farrier, $64.55 and $120; Thomas Holmes, $49.88; Richard Jackson, $30; Frank McDermott, $19.50; John F. McCann, $93; R. Monohan, $10.30; C. L. Rugge, $8.78, $7.50, $4.30 and $18.70; Savage & Callary, $78.60 and $7.45; United Gas Improvement Co., $7.20; Jarvis F. Underhill, $4.75; C. C. Vermeule, $291.66.

April 29, 1897—Brown and Miller, $133.50; Brinkman & Hauck, $25.80; Albert Datz, $49.55 and $21; Evening Journal Association, $17.50; W. W. Farrier, $49.55 and $21.86; H. F. Hayes, $35.25 and $71.75; Jersey City News, $17.15; Jersey City Harness Co., $37.75 and $35; Savage & Callary, $52.29; Jarvis F. Underhill, $26.70 and $31.80; United Gas Improvement Co., $6 and $6.60; Wood & Menagh, $44.72.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending that the following resolution be adopted:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners April 5, 1897, to wit, relating to the purchase of park site from estate of William B. Ogden.

"Resolved, That the Board of Finance be and is hereby requested to further appropriate to this Board over and above the purchase price heretofore indicated ($42,500) the difference between said purchase price and $50,000, for the purpose of improving said site, it being the intent of this Board to divide the amount of $100,000 permitted by law to be set aside for park purposes, and expend one-half of said entire sum in the Hudson City section and the remaining half in the Bergen and Greenville sections."

The report was received and the resolutions therein contained was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$5 to Albert Datz, for postage stamps, etc., Mayor's office.

$26 to W. W. Chilver, for services as Clerk in City Collector's office for month of April, 1897, when due.

$5.66 to Charles H. Dayton, for stationery, etc., Mayor's office.

$7 to Alex. H. Rickey, for certified copies of Laws of 1897.

$4 to Alex. H. Rickey, for certified copies of Laws of 1897.

$2 to Alex. H. Rickey, for certified copies of Laws of 1897.

$17.69 to Charles H. Dayton, for printing for City Collector.

$2.40 to N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co. for telephone service at office of Board of Finance to March 1, 1897.

$18.31 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service rendered, etc., March, 1897, Mayor's office.

$53.05 to Albert Datz, for stationery, Mayor's office.

$2 to Albert Datz, for cutting warrant books, City Clerk.

$4 to Albert Datz for stationery, etc., Mayor's office.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented, received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Kellers:—

Whereas, The Board of Education have made requisition upon this Board, by resolution adopted April 22, 1897, for $3,500, to be used by said Board to alter and repair the old City Hall building in order that it may be used as a temporary school building during the construction of new school building No. 1; and

Whereas, This Board deems it proper that an appropriation of said sum should be made to assist the Board of Education in accommodating the scholars who are deprived of attending School No. 1, owing to the fact that the said school building is about to be torn down to make place for a new structure; therefore

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the sum of $3,500, to be used by the Board of Education to alter and repair the old City Hall building in order that the same may be used as a temporary school, and in order to raise said sum of $3,500, temporary loan bonds in said sum be issued by this Board at a rate of interest not to exceed 4½ % per annum, and that the proceeds from the sale of such bonds shall be set aside for the use of the Board of Education for the purposes above stated, and that said sum of $3,500 be placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Bailey:—

Whereas, Charles B. McAnally, who was employed as a messenger in the office of the City Collector during the year December, 1891, to December, 1892, was overpaid the sum of $120 over and above the salary he was legally entitled to; and

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor vetoed warrants ordered paid to said C. B. McAnally to the amount of $150;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of A. Post, assignee of Charles B. McAnally, for the sum of $30, being balance due said C. B. McAnally for services as messenger to the City Collector during months of September and October, 1892. said warrant to be paid out of account "Claims and contingencies."

By Mr. Bailey:—

Resolved, That so much of the resolution passed by this Board on April 15, 1897, as refers to the payment of $125 to C. S. Westervelt for services rendered as Deputy City Comptroller, for the entire month of April, 1897, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

By Mr. Bailey:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $95.83 in favor of C. S. Westervelt, to pay salary due him for services rendered as Deputy City Comptroller from April 1 to 23, 1897, both inclusive (Chargeable to account salaries), and that the City Clerk be directed to cancel the warrant for $125 or-

dered drawn April 15, 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That upon the reports of the Corporation Counsel and City Comptroller, endorsed upon the petition of Valeria L. Martin, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Valeria L. Martin for $151.52, for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale, under Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1856, and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector on April 14, 1897, of Lot 41, Block 809, Grace street, over and above the sums as adjusted due the city, with interest, cost and disbursements.

By Mr. Bailey:—

Resolved, That when the sum of $100,000 shall have been set aside for the purpose of paying for sites for park purposes and the improvement of the same, the sum of $7,500 be and is hereby ordered set aside out of said $100,000, and appropriated for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to pay claims for the improving of the site of park, which property was purchased from the estate of William B. Ogden.

By Mr. Kellers on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, This Board has previously by resolutions concurred in certain resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners at its meetings held March 8, April 5 and April 16, 1897, ordering warrants drawn in payment of lands taken in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 148 of the Laws of 1896, for park purposes, and this Board has concurred in said resolutions in so far as only confirming and approving said purchase of said lands for park purposes; and

Whereas, This Board, in accordance with the provisions of the act already referred to, have issued bonds in the sum of $100,000 and accepted a proposal for the same made by Blair & Co.

Resolved, That this Board now concurs in the resolutions passed by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners at its meetings held March 8, April 5 and April 16, 1897, ordering warrants drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the following named persons, to wit:—

Resolution March 8, 1897, Henry Lembeck, $12,579.76.

Resolution April 5, 1897, Andrew H. Green, executor and trustee of the estate of William B. Ogden, deceased, $42,500.

Resolution, April 16, 1897, 1, Louis V. Booraem, $17,000; 2, Henry Lembeck, $5,000.

For lands for park purposes as described in said resolutions and subject to the conditions prescribed therein.

By President Brautigam:—

Resolved, That the communication of E. W. Harrison relative to the approval by the Mayor, of a plan for a joint outlet from the Ninth ward sewer and the Ravine Road sewer, as agreed upon between the Board of Finance, Board of Street and Water Commissioners and E. W. Harrison, President of the Ravine Road Sewer Commission, at a conference had, be received and the Ravine Road Sewer Commission be requested to proceed at as early date as possible with the prosecution of the work of construction of the sewer on the plans approved by the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then took a recess of five minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board all the members were present, five (5) in number.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Saturday, May 1, 1897, at ten o'clock A. M.

The following resolutions were presented, received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Detwiller, Kellers and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Kellers on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners have by resolution adopted April 16, 1897, requested the Board of Finance to supplement the appropriation heretofore made to this Board for street lighting, current fiscal year, by the sum of $10,000, which said sum is to be utilized for the liquidating of claims for gas and oil lighting for period covering the months of December, January and February last past, wherein the Jersey City Electric Light Company were unable to proceed with lighting of the streets of this city in accordance with a contract heretofore awarded to said company and during which it was necessary to continue the use of a greater number of gas and oil lamps than had been contracted for, and for the further purpose of applying any unexpended balance remaining after the liquidation of such claims to the extension of the electric light system.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby appropriates the sum of $7,500 to be set aside for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the purposes as aforesaid to supplement the appropriation heretofore made to said Board for "street lighting," current fiscal year.

Resolved, That in order to provide for said amount a temporary loan bond or bonds be issued to the amount of $7,500, at a rate of interest not to exceed four per cent. per annum, and the proceeds of sale of said bond or bonds be set aside for the purposes above mentioned, and

the payment of the same be provided for in the next tax levy.

By President Brautigam:—

Whereas, The ordinances of this city are not properly codified; and

Whereas, This Board believes that such codifications is necessary; and

Whereas, An appropriation was heretofore made for the printing of said ordinances when codified, and owing to the fact that said ordinances have not been codified, said appropriation is as yet available;

Resolved, That Howard C. Griffiths be employed by this Board to codify and arrange all the ordinances of the various Boards and Departments of the city government and properly index the same ready for printing, the compensation for his services to be fixed at the sum of three hundred dollars; and

Resolved, That the Clerks of the various Boards and Departments be requested and directed to place at the disposal of said Griffiths such records of ordinances, etc., in order to facilitate the work required to be done as provided herein, and that the Clerk of this Board be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Clerks of the various Boards; and

Resolved, That upon the completion of the work of said codification by said Howard C. Griffiths, he is hereby directed to report same to this Board as completed in order that the same may be printed.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Saturday, May 1, 1897, at ten o'clock A .M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

The following official communications were presented, received and ordered filed.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., May 1, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I desire to inform your Honorable Board that I have appointed Mr. Reuben Simpson a member of the Board of Finance for the balance of the term of Mr. Jacob J. Detwiller, resigned, by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled "An act concerning the government of cities of this State," approved April 6, A. D. 1889; said term being for two years from April 23, A. D. 1897.

Very respectfully yours,

P. F. WANSER.
Mayor.

Mr. Kellers moved that the name of Reuben Simpson, a member of the Board of Finance of Jersey City, be placed upon the roll of membership of this Board.

Adopted.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following bonds of Constables, each in the sum of $1,000, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel as to legal form and sufficiency of sureties, were presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bond of William Hogan, with P. H. McQuaid and Henry Byrne as sureties.

Bond of Daniel Harper, with David Harper and Henry Byrne as sureties.

Bond of Philip M. Kaiser, with Michael Nolan and F. H. Spengeman as sureties.

The official bond of E. E. Datz as a member of the Board of City Hall Commissioners in the sum of ten thousand dollars, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel as to legal form and sufficiency of sureties, with Albert Datz and Frederick Schrober as sureties, was also presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

John J. Nevin, $17.50; Frank Meyer, $41; J. W. Harrison, $30.90.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Board of Education:—

Resolution (adopted April 29, 1897) as follows:—

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of an act, entitled "An act to authorize cities of the first class in this State to issue bonds for the construction of public schools," approved March 31, 1897, the Board of Education request the Board of Finance to issue the obligations of the city as provided in said act in the sum of $300,000 to provide school accommodations by the acquisition of lands and erection of buildings and furnishing of the same, it being the request of this Board that the sum of $100,000 be immediately appropriated for the purpose aforesaid, it being the intention of this Board to have available sites immediately procured at a cost of about $75,000, and to apply $25,000 to supplement appropriations now in hand for the erection and furnishing of school buildings; and the balance of said sum of $300,000 as aforesaid, be hereafter appropriated by said Board of Finance in such amounts as this Board may request from time to time.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Board of Street and Water Commissioners:—

Resolution (adopted April 29, 1897) making requisition on the Board of Finance for the sum of $40,576.22, for the payment of certain claims now unpaid and due the United Gas Improvement Co., the New York and New Jersey Globe Gas Light Co. and the Jersey City and Hudson County Electric Light Companies, for furnishing light to streets, public buildings and public places of this city, for the years 1886, 1888, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894 and 1896, in accordance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature approved April 16, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending that the following official bonds referred to it be received and approved, and that they be entered at large upon the bond book and filed:—

Bond of James S. Nolan, as member of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners.

Bond of Anthony Hauck, as member of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and of the following constables:—

John M. Leonard, Jr., Robert J. Livingston, Daniel Harper, William Hogan, Philip M. Kaiser, Michael A. Egan, Frank Meyer, John Jelly, Martin Foley, John H. O'Brien, John J. Hanlon, Nicholas P. Wedin, Owen Fitzsimmons, John Hogan, George W. Britten, George M. Morgan, Thomas Enright and Thomas Golden.

And also the bond of Emil E. Datz as member of the City Hall Commission.

The report of the Committee on Finance was received and the bonds were each approved, ordered spread at large upon the bond book and filed, by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

Mr. Bailey here obtained leave and retired.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$41 to Frank Meyer, services as Marshal to First District Court, from March 15 to April 1, 1897.

(Chargeable to account District Court Fees.)

The report was received and the claim was ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$17.50 to John J. Nevin, cash disbursements.

$47.10 to Jersey Cycle Co. for renovating and fitting up safes, offices of City Treasurer, City Collector, etc. (Chargeable to account of claims 1896-1897).

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That the following appointments as Deputy Collectors of Arrears of Taxes, made by the City Collector this day, in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 123 of the Laws of 1897, approved April 16, 1897, be and the same are hereby sanctioned and consented to by the Board of Finance:—

Edward V. Conklin, Sanford E. Smith, A. E. Bagnall, Frederick L. Meyers and Edmund F. Crowen.

By Mr. Kellers:—

Resolved, That the amount of bond to be given by Frank P. Van Saun, Deputy City Comptroller, be and the same is hereby fixed in the sum of $50,000.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That the appointment of John T. Pringle, as clerk to the City Comptroller, made by the City Comptroller April 29, 1897, be and is hereby consented to by this Board, and the salary is hereby fixed at $100 per month.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That John Creech be and he is hereby appointed by this Board to do such clerical work as may be required in preparing and recording all matters connected with the sales of property purchased by the city under the "Martin Act," he to be assigned to any department for such work as may be ordered by this Board; salary to be at the rate of $80 per month, and to be paid out of "Adjusted Liens" account.

By Mr. Kellers:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commission, for the sum of $33,885 premium of $450,000 refunded general bonds, dated May 1, 1897, and due May 1, 1927.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board took a recess of five minutes.

Upon the re-assembling of the Board, the following members were present:—

President Brautigam, Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The following resolutions were presented, received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam, Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That the matter of purchase by this Board of suitable school sites be referred to the Committee of the Whole to report at the next meeting of this Board.

By Mr. Kellers:—

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to authorize cities of the first class in this State to issue bonds for the construction of public schools," approved March 31, 1897, and at the request of the Board of Education, by resolution passed April 29, 1897, bonds of the city to the amount of $300,000 be issued in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk of Jersey City and countersigned by the City Comptroller.

Resolved, That said bonds be made payable thirty years from their date in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, with interest at a rate of not exceeding 4½% per annum, payable in like gold coin.

Resolved, That a sinking fund be and the same is hereby created to pay off the principal of said $300,000 of bonds hereby authorized to be issued by inserting in the tax levy each year the sum of $6,000; said sum to be placed in said sinking fund and so invested as to be available for the payment of said bonds when due.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Thursday, May 6, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present——President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Midlige—1.

The following certificate was presented from the City Clerk and the same was received, ordered filed and the Clerk of this Board was directed to place the name of William F. Midlige upon the roll of membership of this Board.

Jersey City, May 1, 1897.

To Whom it May Concern:—

This is to certify that William F. Midlige was elected President of the Board of Aldermen of Jersey City at the charter election held April 13, 1897, and on April 19, 1897, qualified for said office in the manner required by law.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and the [Seal.] corporate seal of "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," this 1st day of May, A. D. 1897.

M. J. O'DONNELL,
City Clerk of Jersey City.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the organization meeting, April 23, 1897, and of adjourned meetings of April 26 and April 29, 1897, and of May 1, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form, on motion of Mr. Kellers.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Postal Tel. Cable Co., $32.91; Frank Stevens, $27.76; N. J. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., $3,847.85; N. Y. & N. J. Tel-Co., $7.55, $18.55 and $97.22; John J. O'Hara, $37.75; Martin Finck, $22; The Jersey City News, $44.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From his Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, May 3, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I desire to inform your honorable Board that I have appointed Mr. Edward H. Hoos, Secretary to the Mayor, by virtue of the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of and otherwise concerning the Mayors of all cities of the first-class that have a population within their territorial limits exceeding one hundred thousand inhabitants," approved April 19, A. D. 1889.

Very respectfully yours,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Received and ordered filed.

The following communication was also received from his Honor the Mayor:—

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:—

Hon. Peter F. Wanser, late Mayor of Jersey City, having informed me, on his retirement from office, that he intends to test the question of the legality of the election held on the 13th of April, 1897, by proceedings to obtain the adjudication of the Court of Errors and Appeals, I have referred the matter to Mr. Allan L. McDermott requesting him to represent the present city government, and I respectfully request your concurrence in this action.

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

The communication was received and on motion of Mr. Simpson, was referred to the Committee of the Whole, to report at next meeting.

The following resolution was received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, and was referred to the Committee on Finance:—

1. That the Board of Finance be and it is hereby requested to fix the amount of bonds to be given by the Water Registrar and Assistant Water Registrar appointed this day.

(Adopted May 3, 1897.)

From the same Board and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

2. That the salaries of employes in the Water Department appointed this day, be and are hereby fixed as follows:—

Water Registrar (W. H. Peckham), $2,500 per annum, vice Lawrence Broderick.

Assistant Water Registrar (Daniel Smith), $1,400 per annum, vice John T. Pringle, resigned.

Water Assessor (John Kenny), $2,000 per annum, vice Alex. B. Dusenbery.

Assistant Superintendent of Pipe Layers (Jas. Y. Watt), $100 per month, vice R. J. Allen.

Store Keeper (John Kenny), $100 per month, vice John Rotheram.

General Clerks (T. D. Jordan and F. McCarren), $100 per month each, vice Evan T. Rogers and Robert F. Martin.

Messenger (Matt Rooney), $60 per month, vice Geo. Conklin.

Also the following from the same Board:—

3. That all that portion of resolution heretofore adopted by this Board March 22, 1897, fixing the salary of R. F. Martin as general clerk in the Water Department, be and is hereby reconsidered and rescinded.

(Adopted May 3, 1897.)

Ordered filed.

The following official bonds, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel as to form and also as to sufficiency of the sureties, were presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Bond of William H. Peckham, as Registrar of the Water Works, in the sum of $50,000, with Christopher P. Smith, Hugh Dugan and Patrick H. Hanley as sureties.

Bond of Daniel Smith, as Assistant Water Registrar, in the sum of $10,000, with Louis Fisher and Henry Byrne as sureties.

Bond of Frank McDermott, as City Wharfinger, in the sum of $2,000, with Denis McLaughlin and James J. Halligan as sureties.

Bond of Frank P. Van Saun, as Deputy City Comptroller, in the sum of $50,000, with Geo. R. Hillier, John Young, Horace H. Farrier and Hugh Dugan as sureties.

Bond of Frank Hague, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with James O'Connor and Denis McLaughlin as sureties.

Bond of John H. Mitchell, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with James H. O'Neil and Nathaniel E. Smith as sureties.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommeding that the following official bonds referred to it be received and approved, and that they be entered at large upon the bond book and filed.

Bond of William H. Peckham, as Registrar of the Water Works in the sum of $50,000, with Christopher P. Smith, Hugh Dugan and Patrick H. Hanley as sureties.

Bond of Daniel Smith, as Assistant Water Registrar, in the sum of $10,000, with Lewis Fisher and Henry Byrne as sureties.

Bond of Frank McDermott, as City Wharfinger, in the sum of $2,000, with Dennis McLaughlin and James J. Halligan as sureties.

Bond of Frank P. Van Saun, as Deputy City Comptroller, in the sum of $50,000, with George R. Hillier, John Young, Horace H. Farrier and Hugh Dugan as sureties.

Bond of Frank Hague, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with James O'Connor and Dennis McLaughlin as sureties.

Bond of John H. Mitchell, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with James H. O'Neil and Nathaniel E. Smith as sureties.

The report of the Committee on Finance was received and the bonds were each approved, ordered spread at large upon the bond book and filed, by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Midlige—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, May 12, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

The following resolutions were presented, received and they were each adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Midlige—1.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the amount of official bond to be given by William H. Peckham, Registrar of the Water Works, appointed by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners on May 3, 1897, be and is hereby fixed at $50,000.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the amount of official bond to be given by Daniel Smith, Assistant Registrar of the Water Works, appointed by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners on May 3, 1897, be and is hereby fixed at $10,000.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That so much of the resolutions adopted by this Board on the following dates, concurring in the resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, ordering paid certain claims, be and the same are hereby rescinded in so far as they refer to the claims hereafter mentioned:—

April 26, 1897—John McCarthy, $24; Charles L. Rugge, $112.30; H. F. Hayes, $69.30, $89.02 and $86.63.

April 29, 1897—Albert Datz, $350; W. W. Farrier, $120.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committtee on Finance:—

Resolved, That supplemental to resolutions previously passed by this Board, the sum of $1,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated by this Board with the consent of the Mayor and set aside for the payment of foremen and laborers, etc., on paved streets out of the one-half of liquor license monies available on and after July 1, 1896, as in said resolutions heretofore provided.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer in the sum of $1,000 to transfer said amount from "Liquor License Account" to be expended for the purposes as aforesaid.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at City Hall, on Thursday, May 13, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received, and they were each referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims:

Petition of Albert Meyer to return $10 over payment of water rents, year 1897.

Petition of I. P. Vanderbeck to have cancelled personal taxes for year 1895-1896, claiming exemption under the veteran act.

The following official bonds, duly approved by the Corporation Counsel as to being drawn in legal form and sufficiency of sureties, were presented, received and they were each referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Bond of Michael J. O'Donnell, as City Clerk, in the sum of $25,000, with John Mullins, Abram Post, Philip E. Martin and M. Rochford as sureties.

Bond of George F. Stanton, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Patrick H. Nugent and William F. Kern as sureties.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Postal Tel. Cable Co., $16.42 and $3.05; N. J. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., $78.50, $55.25, $175.50 and $55; Evening Journal, $229.16; Isaac Van Saun, $50; William P. Douglas, $96 and $105; Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, 68c.; Postal Tel. Cable Co., $3.50; Andrew J. Boyle, $64 and $70.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, May 8, 1897.

To Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I have received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, for collection, in my office, the following assessment map:—

Improvement Old Bergen Road, from Boulevard to Gates avenue, etc., amounting to $11,597.40.

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed.

From the Board of Aldermen:—

1. Resolution (adopted May 11, 1897), requesting the Board of Finance to appropriate $537.64, on account of increase of salary of City Clerk.

2. Resolution (adopted May 11, 1897) requesting the Board of Finance to appropriate $161.32 on account of increase of salary of City Marshal.

On motion of Mr. Simpson referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Fixing the salaries of extra clerks in the Water Department, appointed this day at $3 per day each (Herrick, McCarthy, Vintere, Noonan, Sweeney, McGovern).

(Adopted May 7, 1897.)

2. Fixing the salaries of employes appointed this day for the several positions named, and at the rates named only for services actually rendered:—

Belleville and High Service.

General Superintendent, etc.

Laying and repairing pipes.

Laborers on meters.

(Adopted May 7, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted May 10, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service for month of April, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $1,970.99.

(Adopted May 10, 1897.)

5. Ordering paid the salaries of employes laying and repairing water pipe for the month of April, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $2,689.13.

(Adopted May 10, 1897.)

6. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent, etc., in the Water Department for the month of April, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $1,352.

(Adopted May 10, 1897.)

7. Fixing the salaries of employes appointed this day:—General clerks, draughtsman, tappers and general overseer at High Service.

(Adopted May 2, 1897.)

The President here announced the following standing committees:—

Finance.—Bailey, Kellers, Simpson.

Concurrent Resolutions.—Simpson, Kellers, Bailey.

Salaries and Claims.—Midlige, Bailey, Simpson.

Printing, Stationery and Supplies.—Kellers, Simpson, Midlige.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then took a recess of five minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board the following members were present:—

President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending that the following official bonds referred to it be received and approved and that they be entered at large upon the bond book and filed.

Bond of Michael J. O'Donnell, as City Clerk, in the sum of $25,000, with John Mullins, Abram Post, Philip E. Martin and Michael Rochford as sureties.

Bond of George F. Stanton as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Patrick H. Nugent and William F. Kern as sureties.

The report of the Committee on Finance was received and the bonds were each approved, ordered spread at large upon the bond book and filed, by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concured in:—

1. Fixing the salaries of extra clerks in the Water Department, appointed this day, at $3 per day each (Herrick, McCarthy, Vintere, Noonan, Sweeney, McGovern).

(Adopted May 7, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service for month of April, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,970.99.

(Adopted May 10, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the salaries of employes laying and repairing water pipe, for month of April, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $2,689.13.

(Adopted May 10, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent, etc., in the Water Department, for the month of April, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,352.

(Adopted May 10, 1897.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$64 to Andrew J. Boyle, for fees as Clerk, Second Criminal Court (bill of May 8, 1897.)

$3,847.85 to N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., for searches and disbursements under the Martin act.

$18.55 to N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for telephone tolls, N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co. and City Comptroller, from December 11, 1896, to March 1, 1897.

$27.76 to Frank Stevens, for commissions on collections of rent from property owned by the city acquired under the Martin act.

$165.69 to George B. Fielder, for registering city deeds.

$22 to Martin Finck, as Commissioner of Deeds, for taking City Collector's acknowledgments to certificates of tax sales in duplicate.

(Chargeable to account "Martin act.")

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$3.50 to Postal Tel. Cable Co. for messenger service to Board of Finance for April, 1897.

$44 to The Jersey City News, for printing manual slips of Board of Finance, pages 149 to 170.

$37.75 to John J. O'Hara, for printing and stationery for Board of Finance (chargeable to account claims, 1896-1897).

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Special Committee on Rules reported recommending that the rules of the preceding Board be adopted for the government of this Board, except as to Rule 32, which provides that regular meetings shall be held on the first and third Thursday of each month, the Committee recommending the substitution of the word "Wednesday" in place of the word Thursday.

The report of the Committee was received and the recommendations therein contained were unaimously adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred May 6, 1897, the communication of his Honor the Mayor, relative to the appointment of Mr. Allan L. McDermott as special counsel, made the following report:—

Jersey City, May 13, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the communication of his Honor the Mayor, regarding the employment by him of Allan L. McDermott as special counsel, respectfully report recommending that the commmunication of his Honor the Mayor be referred to a special committee of three (3) (to be appointed by the President) to wait on his Honor the Mayor

in reference to the said communication, and report to this Board at its next regular meeting.

J. S. BAILEY,
WM. F. MIDLIGE,
R. SIMPSON,
H. L. KELLERS,
H. BRAUTIGAM,
Committee of the Whole.

The report of the committee was received and the recommendations therein contained were adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The President appointed the following as the special committee referred to in the above report:—

Messrs. Simpson, Midlige and Bailey.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented, received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $27.40 in favor of Michael Doyle, to return amount overpaid for taxes for year 1896-1897, on Lot 44, Block 170, No. 51 Newark avenue, the valuation as assessed $16,000 having been reduced to $15,000 by the Commissioners of Appeals, and the original tax having been inadvertently paid pending the action of said Commissioners of Appeals.

By Mr. Bailey:—

Resolved, That the following resolution, adopted by this Board April 23, 1897, be and the same is hereby rescinded:—

"Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer in the sum of $24,750.17 to place said amount to the credit of the appropriation for salaries, Board of Fire Commissioners, fiscal year 1896-97, for the purposes as heretofore provided."

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $20,000, on account of county taxes of 1896.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to be deposited to June, 1897, interest, as follows:—

On General Account.....	$13,500
On General Account to pay interest on assesment account bonds	21,000
On Water Account.....	8,750
Total....	$43,250

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted April 22, 1897, as refers to the drawing of a warrant in favor of Erwin & Keller for $168.99, be and the same is hereby rescinded and that the warrant so ordered drawn be cancelled.

Resolved, That a warrant for $137.72 be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor Erwin & Keller, attorneys of P. C. Vreeland, in full settlement of all claims of P. C. Vreeland, under petitions received by the Board of Finance, December 22, 1896, and April 22, 1897, which said sum of $137.72 includes the following items:—

$31.27 interest on taxes, paid in duplicate; $70, excess of payment of assessment on Lot 8, Block 1,361, and $36.45, interest on original assessment.

By. Mr. Bailey:—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board on April 29, 1897, relative to accepting the bid of Blair & Co., for $100,000 Park Bonds, at par, (being a part of the minutes of said meeting) be approved as engrossed in the "Minute Book," the record of the passage of such resolution having been inadvertently omitted from the printed minutes of April 29, 1897, which proceedings of the Board as shown in said printed form, were approved May 6, 1897.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to cancel the assessment of $13.70 for personal taxes for year 1896-1897, against Margaret Ginochio, at No. 532 Pavonia avenue, Block 525, said assessment being a duplicate one, personal taxes having also been assessed against said Margaret Ginochio, at No. 68 Jones street, as appears by the statement of the Tax Commissioners, endorsed on the petition presented to this Board April 19, 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $15,000 on account of twenty-five per cent. of "liquor license fees," collected on and after July 1, 1896; the same to be credited to the "Special School" account of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the construction and furnishing of buildings for the Public School Department of the City and for no other purpose, in accordance with Section 23 of Chapter 127 of the Laws of 1889.

By President Brautigam:—

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be and he is hereby requested to attend all meetings of this Board upon notice sent to him by the Clerk.

By Mr. Midlige:—

Resolved, That the petition of Michael Campbell for the cancellation of certain personal tax, received by this Board April 15, 1897, be not granted for the reason that the assessments referred to in said petition are not duplicates; the one assessment is on fixtures and contents of saloon at No. 529 Grove street ($500), and the other is on furniture, etc., at residence No. 527 Grove street ($300).

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel the following taxes against the property of Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth, named in petition presented to this Board December 22, 1896, for the reason that the said property is exempt from taxation under the General Tax Law of this State, being devoted to the uses of a charitable and educational institution, and the cancellation of these taxes having been advised by the Corporation Counsel:—

No. 160 Erie street, Lot "M," 1894, $27.50.
No. 160 Erie street, Lot "M," 1895, $27.50
No. 160 Erie street, Lot "M," 1896, $27.40.
No. 162 Erie street, Lot "N," 1894, $27.50.
No. 162 Erie street, Lot "N," 1895, $27.50.
No. 162 Erie street, Lot "N," 1896, $27.40.
No. 164 Erie street, Lot "P," 1890, $29.04.
No. 164 Erie street, Lot "P," 1891, $31.24.
No. 164 Erie street, Lot "P," 1894, $27.50.
No. 164 Erie street, Lot "P," 1895, $27.50.
No. 164 Erie street, Lot "P," 1896, $27.40.
No. 166 Erie street, Lot "R," 1890, $29.04.
No. 166 Erie street, Lot "R," 1891, $31.24.
No. 166 Erie street, Lot "R," 1894, $27.50.
No. 166 Erie street, Lot "R," 1895, $27.50.
No. 166 Erie street, Lot "R," 1896, $27.40.
No. 219 Ninth street, Lot "T," 1890, $26.40.
No. 219 Ninth street, Lot "T," 1892, $56.80.
No. 219 Ninth street, Lot "T," 1894, $55.00.
No. 219 Ninth street, Lot "T," 1895, $55.00.
No. 219 Ninth street, Lot part Lot T, 1891, $56.80.

No. 219 Ninth street, Lot part Lot T, 1893, $55.

No. 219 Ninth street, Lot part Lot T, 1896, $54.80.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Wednesday, May 19, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented, received and they were each referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Petition of John Brahn for the return of $1, overpaid for water rents, year 1897.

Petition of Charles E. Cornine for the return of $1 overpaid for water rents, year 1897.

Communication from Charles H. Hartshorn relative to directing City Collector to receive the taxes for 1893 and 1894, on lots 3 and 1, block 36, Grand street, with interest only at 6 per cent per annum.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Official bond of Samuel R. Williams, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with William H. Armstrong and Jacob J. Detwiller as sureties.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Albert Datz, $2; Hamilton A. Lush, $70; The Jersey City News, $229.16; J. M. Startup, $83.33.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Corporation Counsel:—

Jersey City, May 17, 1897.

To the Board of Finance, Jersey City, New Jersey:—

Gentlemen—In the matter of the request of the Board of Aldermen to your Board, to provide money to pay the increased salaries of the City Clerk and the City Marshal, I respectfully advise you that the following are the law and the facts, which should control your action in this matter:—

Chapter 242 of the Laws of 1891 authorizes the Board of Aldermen to fix the compensation of the City Clerk and the Board of Finance to raise the money to pay the same.

Chapter 237 of the Laws of 1889 enacts that the Board of Aldermen may fix the compensation of the City Marshal at the rate of $1,500 per annum, and the Board of Finance is authorized to raise that money.

The Board of Aldermen, in May, 1896, fixed the salary of the City Clerk at $4,000, and they also at that time fixed the salary of the City Marshal at $1,200. The term of these offices is one year, running from about the first of May, 1896, to the first of May, 1897. The Board of Finance, having the power to raise the money to pay these salaries, did, in July, 1896, place in the tax levy for the fiscal year, beginning December 1, 1896, the sum of four thousand dollars to pay the salary of the City Clerk, and the sum of twelve hundred dollars to pay the salary of the City Marshal. These two sums must, under the law, pay the salaries of these two officers to the end of the present fiscal year, the thirtieth of November, 1897. There is no law to sustain the action of the Board of Aldermen in raising the salaries of these officers to take effect at any time during the progress of the fiscal year.

Chapter 126 of the Laws of 1889 enacts that "the salary account of any department of the government of any city shall not exceed the amount fixed under the tax levy for that department for any year." This act prevents, in my judgment, any increase in the salary of either of these two officers during the present fiscal year.

The act of 1876, Chapter 3, prohibits the Board of Aldermen and other Boards of the city government from disbursing, ordering or voting for the disbursement of the public monies in excess of the appropriation made to such Board, or the incurring of any obligation in excess of the appropriation provided by law for the purposes respectively, of any such Board, and makes the violation of such law a criminal offense.

I therefore advise that the action of the Board of Aldermen increasing the salaries of these officers should not be sanctioned by your Board.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Corporation Attorney:—

Notifying Board of Finance that the case of Mynhart Jansen vs. Jersey City and Richard English had resulted in a judgment of non-suit.

In the case of Sarah F. Owens vs. the same defendant, was laid over to await action of Supreme Court in "Jansen" case.

Received and ordered filed.

From the Corporation Attorney:—

Relatives to the judgment of Michael Kelly vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, advising the payment of the same.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the City Collector:—

Communication in regard to cancelling assessments on city property occupied by schools No. 6 and 14 and engine companies No. 7 and 12, and for certain taxes taken by Hudson County Boulevard.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

From the Board of Police Commissioners:—

Resolution (adopted May 14, 1897), that the Hon. Board of Finance be requested to make an appropriation for the building of the Sixth Precinct Station.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Rescinding the resolutions of the Board, adopted May 12, 1897, appointing James Burke overseer at High Service, and fixing his salary.

(Adopted May 17, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted May 17, 1897.)

3. That the salaries of the individuals appointed in the Water Department this day be and are hereby fixed as follows:—

General Clerks (Lenahan, Hart, Losei, McMahon, Bahr, Simon), $100 per month each; (Cable, Freeland, Ennis, Kissam, Cox, Gildea), $75 per month each.

Re-assessors (Bowker, Francis), $75 per month each.

Assistant tapper (Kelly), $75 per month.

(Adopted May 19, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, to wit:—

"Ordering paid the following claims":—

April 23, 1897:—

H. F. Hayes, $89.02, $69.30 and $86.63; Charles L. Rugge, $112.30; John McCarthy, $24.

April 28, 1897:—

W. W. Farrier, $120; Albert Datz, $350.

May 10, 1897:—

N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $9.80 and $9.20; Brown & Miller, $139.98 and $2; United Gas Impt. Co., $16.80 and $2.70.

May 17, 1897:—

John Comer, $202.50; N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $106.20 and $44.30; United Gas Impt. Co., $6.60, $5.10 and $2.55; Savage & Callary, $6.86; Jersey City Harness Co., $8.35; W. W. Farrier, $8.50; John F. McCann, $78; Charles Both, $500; Wm. J. Altherr, $208; L. S. Hubbard, $240; J. W. Harrison, $9.

December 21, 1896:—

F. Latourette, $6.55.

The report was received and the resolutions were concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$70 to Hamilton A. Lush, for services as assistant to Clerk of First District Court, for month of May, 1897, when due.

(Chargeable to account fees, First District Court.)

$229.16 to the Evening Journal, for publishing official minutes in May, 1897.

$229.16 to the Jersey City News, for publishing official minutes, month of May, 1897.

(Chargeable to account publishing minutes.)

$83.33 to J. M. Startup, for services as extra clerk in City Collector's office, for month of May, 1897, when due.

$50 to Isaac Van Saun, for services as temporary clerk in the City Comptroller's office for the month of May, 1897, when due.

(Chargeable to account "Martin Act.")

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

Mr. Midlidge, on behalf of the same committee, further reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering paid the salaries of Mayor and others for the month of May, 1897, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $4,691.64.

The report was received and the recommendations therein contained were adopted, and the payroll as therein named was passed by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

In the matter of the petition of Paul Haller concerning the change of grade of Montgomery street, by reason of which he complains that he was obliged to spend a considerable amount of money in raising his house to the new grade of said street.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims verbally reported that the petition above referred to, which had been referred to the Corporation Counsel, was returned by said official with the advice that the matter of taxes remaining unpaid against the property of the said Paul Haller and referred to in his petition to this Board, that the whole matter be referrerd to the Commissioners of Adjustment for their adjudication.

The report of the committee was received and the petition was referred to the Commissioners of Adjustment, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred May 1, 1897, the matter of

purchase of suitable school sites, presented the following report:—

Jersey City, May 19, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred, by resolution adopted May 1, 1897, the matter of the purchase of suitable school sites, would respectfully report that it obtained from the Board of Education certain data accumulated by that Board, which previously to the enactment of the law of 1897, had under consideration the same matter, and inspected the several available sites recommended by said Board. Your Committee after said inspection authorized the Real Estate Trusts Company and Emil Steger to obtain options upon such of said sites as in the judgment of your Committee appeared to be the most suitable and best adopted for school purposes, and respectfully recommend to your Board the purchase of the lands described as follows, to wit:—

1. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, surveyor," are known as lots Nos. A and B, block No. 1907, said plot being one hundred and fifty (150) feet frontage on the west side of Storm avenue; thence running two hundred and fifteen (215) feet through to Fairmount avenue, with a frontage of one hundred and fifty (150) feet on said Fairmount avenue, east side, be any dimensions more or less. Real Estate Trusts Co.'s price, $15,500.

2. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, surveyor," are known as lots Nos. 5, 6 and 7, on Hudson Boulevard, and lots Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, on Graham street, block No. 886, said plot being located on the northwesterly corner of Hudson Boulevard and Graham street, having a frontage of two hundred and eight (208) feet on Graham street, of one hundred and fifty (150) feet on Hudson Boulevard, and three hundred and twenty-seven (327) feet in rear, be any dimensions more or less. Real Estate Trusts Co.'s price, $10,000.

3. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, surveyor," are known as lots Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, on Johnston avenue, and lots Nos. 39, 40 and 41 on Manning avenue, in Block No. 2,086, entire plot located on the northeast corner of Johnston and Manning avenue, said plot being two hundred (200) feet frontage on Johnston avenue and one hundred and twenty-nine and 88-100 (129 88-100) feet on Manning avenue, be any dimensions more or less. Real Estate Trusts Co.'s price, $8,500.

4. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson county, New Jersey, and which on a map, entitled, "Official assessment map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, Surveyor," are known as lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, Block No. 714, said plot being 212.8 feet frontage on the westerly side of Palisade avenue, 93.9 feet frontage on southerly side of Reservoir avenue, 129 feet frontage on northerly side of Prospect street and 100 feet in the rear, be any dimensions more or less. Emile Steger's price, $16,800.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. MIDLIGE,
HENRY BRAUTIGAM,
R. SIMPSON,
H. L. KELLERS,
JAS. S. BAILEY, Chairman.
Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then took a recess for five minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board the following members were present:—

President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

Mr. Bailey here obtained leave and retired.

The special committee appointed to wait on His Honor the Mayor concerning his communication relative to the appointment of Allan L. McDermott as special counsel, reported progress.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By Mr. Bailey, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole:—

Whereas, In accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize cities of the first-class in this State to issue bonds for the construction of public schools." approved March 31, 1897 (being chapter 59 of the session laws of this year), this Board by resolution adopted at the meeting held May 1, 1897, which resolution was approved by his Honor the Mayor, did authorize the issuance of bonds of Jersey City in the sum of $300,000, as provided by the act referred to herein for the purpose of acquiring lands, erecting school buildings thereon, and furnishing the same; and

Whereas, By the provisions of an act entitled "A further supplement to an act

entitled 'An act concerning cities of the first-class in this State, and constituting the municipal Boards of Street and Water Commissioners therein, and defining the powers and duties of such municipal boards and relating to the municipal affairs and departments of such cities, placed under the control and management of such boards, and providing for the maintenance of the same,' approved March twenty-eighth, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, which further supplement was approved April 22, 1897," this Board is vested with the power and authority to select sites and to purchase in the corporate name of this city real estate for the use and purposes of the Board of Education, and at the meeting of May 1, 1897, by resolution, the matter of the purchase of suitable school sites was referrred to the Committee of the Whole of this Board, and said committee has recommended in a report to this Board the purchase of certain sites therein described.

Resolved, That this Board adopts said report of its Committee of the Whole, and authorizes the acquisition of the sites as hereinafter described, to wit:—

1. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, Surveyor," are known as lots Nos. A and B, Block No. 1,907, said plot being one hundred and fifty (150) feet frontage on the west side of Storm avenue, thence running two hundred and fifteen (215) feet through to Fairmount avenue, east side, be any dimensions more or less.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of the Real Estate Trusts Co., agents for fifteen thousand five hundred dollars ($15,500), in full payment for the above mentioned site for school purposes. The warrant aforesaid, not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed, vesting the title of said property in the city, free of all incumbrance, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

2. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map, entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, Surveyor," are known as Lots Nos. 5, 6 and 7 on Hudson Boulevard,and Lots Nos. 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 on Graham street, Block No. 886, said plot being located on the northwesterly corner of Hudson Boulevard and Graham street, having a frontage of two hundred and eight (208) feet on Graham street, of one hundred and fifty (150) feet on Hudson Boulevard, and three hundred and twenty-seven (327) feet in rear, be any dimensions more or less.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of the Real Estate Trusts Co., agents, for ten thousand dollars ($10,000) in full payment for the above mentioned site for school purposes. The warrant, as aforesaid, not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed, vesting the title of said property in the city, free of all encumbrance, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

3. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, surveyor," are known as lots Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, on Johnston avenue, and lots Nos. 39, 40 and 41, on Manning avenue, in block No. 2086, entire plot located on the northeast corner of Johnston and Manning avenues, said plot being two hundred (200) feet frontage on Johnston avenue and one hundred and twenty-nine and 88-100 (129 88-100) feet on Manning avenue, be any dimensions more or less.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of the Real Estate Trusts Co., agents, for eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8,500), in full payment for the above mentioned site for school purposes; the warrant as aforesaid not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed, vesting the title of said property in the city, free of all encumbrance, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

4. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, surveyor," are known as lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, block No. 714, said plot being 212.8 feet frontage on the westerly side of Palisade avenue, 93.9 feet frontage on southerly side of Reservoir avenue, 129 feet frontage on notherly side of Prospect street and 100 feet in the rear, be any dimensions more or less.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Mr. Emile Stiger, agent, for sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars ($16,800) in full payment for the above mentioned site for school purposes. The warrant, as aforesaid, not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed, vesting the title of said property in the city, free of all encumbrance, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of

Charles E. Conine, for $1, to return overcharge for water rents for year 1897, on lot 100, block 582, No. 645 Pavonia avenue; and

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of John Brahn, for $1, to return overcharge for water rents for year 1897, on lot 100, block 582, No. 645a Pavonia avenue; and that the Water Registrar be notified of the above resolutions, water closets in each of the above cases having been taxed at $4 instead of $3.

By Mr. Midlige:—

Resolved, That the following resolutions, adopted by this Board, May 13, 1897, be and the same are hereby reconsidered and referred back to the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

1. To direct the City Collector to cancel certain taxes assessed against property owned by the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth.

2. To order paid the claim of A. J. Boyle for fees as clerk, Second Criminal Court, for April, 1897.

By Mr. Simpson on behalf of Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the sum of $244.60 to pay the claim of Collins & Corbin, attorneys for Michael Kelly, for judgment in case Michael Kelly vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, presented December 17, 1896, and that in order to provide for said sum the Committee on Finance of this Board are hereby authorized to issue a temporary loan bond in the sum of $244.60, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 per cent. per annum; and further

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Collins & Corbin, attorneys for Michael Kelly, in the sum of $244.60, for the purposes above mentioned.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, May 26, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

Mr. Simpson moved that a special committee of three be appointed to wait on the expert appointed by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to examine the books of the Water Department for the past ten years and ascertain what progress he is making in his work and report to this Board.

Adopted.

The President appointed as such committee Messrs. Simpson, Kellers and Midlige.

The Board then adjourned on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, May 26, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of W. E. Keeffe, for the return of $3 overpaid for water rents, year 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Petition of Gustav Hilchen, for a deed of Lot 25, Block 1,325, Stegman street, on the payment of all cost and charges.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bond of Joseph O'Donnell, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Joseph P. Hennessey and Peter Gilligan as sureties.

Bond of Richard Garrick, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Charles J. Somers and Henry Traphagen as sureties.

Bond of Patrick H. Leddy, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Michael Cullum and William Hackett as sureties.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CLAIMS.

The folowing claims were presented and received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Charles H. Dayton, $112.27; James Atchison, $4.45; Albert Payne, $66.66; Albert Datz, $40; N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $51.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From E. W. Harrison, President Ravine Road Sewer Extension Commission:—

Jersey City, May 20, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—I herewith transmit to you certified copy of a resolution of the Ravine Road Sewer Extension Commission relative to award of contract for this work.

By an inspection of the bids submitted you will see that the competition was a very healthy one, and the prices of the successful bidder is fair and well below the estimates heretofore considered for the work.

On behalf of the Commission, I request that your Board approve of the award as speedily as possible that there may be no delay in the abating of the nuisance.

Respectfully,

E. W. HARRISON,

President Ravine Road Sewer Extension Commission.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The folowing resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:

1. Fixing the salary of engineer at High Service, appointed this day, at $77.00 per month, Daniel J. Carpenter vice J. J. Corbett, resigned.

(Adopted May 24, 1897.)

2. Fixing the salary of laborer on laying and repairing water pipe, appointed this day, at $2.00 per day, Francis Mahon vice Morris Kennedy.

(Adopted May 24, 1897.)

3. Fixing the salary of stableman, appointed this date, at the rate of $65.00 per month (John Brennan).

(Adopted May 24, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted May 24, 1897.)

5. Awarding to Sheridan & Shea Co. the contract for the construction of an 18-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Palisade avenue, from a point about 870 feet north of Newark avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Newark avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895). Estimated cost $3,892.56.

(Adopted May 24, 1897.)

6. Awarding to Sheridan & Shea Co. the contract for the construction of a vitrified pipe sewer in Sherman avenue from a point about 90 feet south of Bowers street, to connect with present sewer in Sherman avenue, south of Griffith street (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895). Estimated cost $1,942.10.

(Adopted May 24, 1897.)

7. Awarding to Sheridan & Shea Co. the contract for the improvement of Hancock avenue from Congress street to North street (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895). Estimated cost $3,320.55.

(Adopted May 24, 1897.)

8. Awarding to Charles O'Neill the contract for the improvement of Oxford avenue, from West Side avenue to Marcy avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895). Estimated cost $2,595.00.

(Adopted May 24, 1897.)

9. Awarding to Edward O'Neill the contract for the improvement of Leonard street from Hudson Boulevard to Nelson avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895). Estimated cost $3,400.92.

(Adopted May 24, 1897.)

10. Awarding to Henry Byrne the contract for the improvement of Thirteenth street, from Jersey avenue to the west side of Coles street (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895). Estimated cost $3,159.31.

(Adopted May 24, 1897.)

11. Awarding to Edward O'Donnell the contract for the improvement of Jewett avenue, from Bergen avenue to Hudson Boulevard (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895.) Estimated cost $2,822.04.

(Adopted May 24, 1897).

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending that the following official bonds referred to it be received and approved and that they be entered at large upon the bond book and filed:—

Bond of Joseph O'Donnell, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Joseph P. Hennessey and Peter J. Gilligan as sureties.

Bond of Richard Garrick, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Charles J. Somers and Henry Traphagen as sureties.

Bond of Patrick H. Leddy, as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Michael Cullum and William Hackett as sureties.

The report of the Committee on Finance was received and the bonds were each approved, ordered spread at large upon the bond book and filed by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

From the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

Jersey City, May 26, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Concurrent Resolutions, to whom was referred resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners requesting the concurrence of your Board in the fixing of salaries to be paid appointees in the Water Department, respectfully report said resolutions back to your Board with the recommendation that in all cases where the appointees replace former employes at the same compensation the resolutions be concurred in, provided that the employment be necessary. As your Board is aware, your committee has been unceasing in its efforts to induce the Street and Water Board since early in the present fiscal year to reduce in every way the expenses of the Water Department, especially in the matter of employes at Belleville and High Service, at which stations it is and has been the contention of your committee that the force should be decreased on account of the lack of necessity for its continuance to the extent at which it was maintained prior to the delivery of a full temporary supply of water by the East Jersey Water Company under the terms of its contract with the city. Your committee appreciates the necessity of maintaining a limited force so that in case an emergency should arise the public interest would be fully conserved but nevertheless believes that the present force may be decreased with perfect safety. The position of your committee was in brief that it would concur in resolutions passed by the Street and Water Board, fixing the salaries of the new appointees of that Board in those cases where said appointees replaced former employes lately dismissed, and at the compensation previously paid except at Belleville and High Service, where your committee, as already stated, believes a reduction can safely be made in the number of persons employed. Your committee finds that the resolutions before it provide for the fixing of compensation of a number of appointees in excess of that previously employed in the same capacities, and it submits to your Board that it is not within the province of your committee or of the Board to discriminate as to which of the names contained in the resolutions before it should receive the concurrence of this Board, and which should be non-concurred in, in line with the position indicated by this committee. Your committee would recommend to your Board that these resolutions be returned by the Clerk of the Board to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners with the request that a statement be furnished to this Board in connection with the same so that this Board may be able to determine which of the appointments replace former employes and which are additional appointments and increases in the number of employes.

Your committee submits reports on the several resolutions referred to embodying the sugestions therein contained.

Respectfully submitted,

R. SIMPSON,
H. L. KELLERS,
J. S. BAILEY,

Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The report was received and the recommendations therein contained were adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee then presented the following resolutions and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners May 3, 1897, to wit:

"That the salaries of employes in the Water Department appointed this day be and are hereby fixed as follows:

Water Registrar, W. H. Peckham, $2,500 per annum, vice L. Broderick.

Assistant Water Registrar, Daniel Smith, $1,400 per annum, vice J. T. Pringle, resigned.

Water Assessor, John Kenny, $2,000 per annum, vice A. B. Dusenberry.

Assistant Superintendent of Pipe Layers, Jas. Y. Watt, $100 per month, vice R. J. Allen.

Store-keeper, John Kenny, $100 per month, vice J. Rotherham.

General Clerk, T. D. Jordan, $100 per month, vice R. F. Martin.

General Clerk, F. McCarren, $100 per month, vice E. T. Rogers.

Messenger, Matt Rooney, $60 per month, vice G. F. Conklin.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby non-concurs in the following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners May 7, 1897, as refers to the fixing of the following salaries:—

Peter Cavanagh, carpenter, at Belleville Water Works, at $70 per month.

John Keim and Robert Brown, painters, at $3 per day each.

Michael Dunn and Thomas McGuire, carpenters, at $3 per day each.

Michael Moran and Michael Reddy, pavers, at $3.50 per day each.

For the reason that the Board of Finance does not believe that the services of a carpenter at Belleville Water Works are needed at present; that two (2) painters and two (2) carpenters at Pipe Yard are not needed, and that two (2) pavers have been appointed, being two in excess of last payroll (April, 1897).

Resolved,. That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, May 7, 1897, as refers only to the fixing of the following salaries:—

Belleville and High Service:—

Machinist, Peter Cosgrove, $90 per month, vice John H. James.

Fireman, Henry Kupker, $65 per month, vice Philip Freund.

Fireman, John O'Rourke, $65 per month, vice J. Davis.

Fireman, Robert Knox, $65 per month, vice J. Post.

Fireman, George Murray, $60 per month, vice D. B. Aims.

Fireman, Michael Gibbons, $60 per month, vice David Jordan.

General workman, Edward Ryan, $60 per month, vice P. Mailly.

General workman, Thomas Coyle, $60 per month, vice George Spear.

Gate keeper, Mathew Doyle, $60 per month, vice Joseph Lennon.

Pipe walker, Patrick Mullins, $70 per month, vice Charles Franke.

Engineer, Dennis Barclay, $77 per month, vice Wm. P. Stivers.

General Superintendent, etc.:—

Stableman, J. Delargey, $75 per month, vice James McGregor.

Stableman, John Sherry, $65 per month, vice R. S. McLain.

Teamster, Patrick Ward, $60 per month, vice P. Fitzpatrick.

Driver, Louis Cotter, $2 per day, vice Albert Blake.

Driver, John Higgins, $2 per day, vice Edward Fieler.

Blacksmith helper, Dennis Curley, $2.50 per day, vice Thomas Jones.

Laying and repairing pipes:—

Caulkers, Bernard Whelan, $2.50 per day vice Christopher Mooney.

Caulkers, John Walsh, $2.50 per day, vice John Barnes.

Caulkers, Thomas Flynn, $2.50 per day, vice Lewis J. Grant.

Caulkers, Richard McDonald, $2.50 per day, vice Aug. Zimmerman.

Caulkers, Michael McDermott, $2.50 per day, vice George McCormick.

Caulkers, Thomas Madigan, $2.50 per day, vice John McLaughlin.

Rockman, John Klein, $2.50 per day, vice Thomas Keaveny.

Night watchman, John Slater, $2 per day, vice James Hogan.

Night watchman, John Hart, $2 per day, vice James Berry.

Watchman, Thomas J. Rutledge, $2 per day, vice Alex. Beatty.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners May 12, 1897, to wit:—

"That the salaries of employes appointed this day be and are hereby fixed as follows:

General clerk, R. A. McKnight, $75 per month, vice E. S. Giberson.

General clerk, Thomas Duff, $75 per month, vice J. T. McLean.

Draughtsman, Bertram C. Broome, $125 per month, vice Fred Latourette.

Tapper, Walter Thum, $100 per month, vice Edward Nelson.

Tapper, Peter Madden, $100 per month, vice John J. Vile.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners May 19, 1897, only as refers to the fixing of the following salary:—

Assistant Tapper, —— Kelly, $75 per month.

Resolved, That so much of the resolution passed by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, adopted May 19, 1897, fixing the salaries of employes as follows:—

General clerks, Lenahan, Hart, Losel, McMahon, Bahr and Simon, at $100 per month each;

And Freeland, Ennis, Kissam, Cox and Gildea at $75 per month each, and Re-Assessors Bowker and Francis, at $75 per month each, be and is hereby ordered returned to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, with the request that said Board inform the Board of Finance, whose places the above named parties are to fill, it appearing that more clerks and reassessors have been appointed than there are vacancies to fill, otherwise the resolution as refers to the parties mentioned will be non-concurred in by this Board; also

Resolved, That the resolution passed by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, adopted May 7, 1897, fixing the salaries of Christ. Coffey and thirty others, laborers laying and repairing water pipe, at $2 per day; also George Irving, at $75 per month; Robert Brannigan, at $70 per month; M. Collins, $70 per month; John McDonough, William Musgiller, Patrick Murphy and Jacob Schmidt, at $65 per month each, laborers on meters, be and the same are hereby ordered returned to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, with the request and for the reasons as stated.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, May 24, 1897, to wit:—

Fixing the salary of Daniel J. Carpenter, engineer at High Service, appointed May 24, 1897, at $77 per month.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, May 24, 1897, to wit:—

Awarding the following contracts to the persons named:—

Sheridan & Shea Co., for the construction of an 18-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Palisade avenue, from a point about 870 feet north of Newark avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Newark avenue. (Estimated cost, $3,892.56.)

Sheridan & Shea Co., for the improvement of Hancock avenue, from Congress street to North street. (Estimated cost, $3,320.55.)

Sheridan & Shea Co., for the construction of a vitrified pipe sewer in Sherman avenue, from a point about 90 feet south of Bowers street, to connect with present sewer in Sherman avenue, south of Griffiths street. (Estimated cost, $1,942.10).

Charles O'Neill, for the improvement of Oxford avenue, from West Side avenue to Marcy avenue. (Estimated cost, $2,505.)

Edward O'Neill, for the improvement of Leonard street, from Hudson Boulevard to Nelson avenue. (Estimated cost, $3,400.92.)

Henry Byrne, for the improvement of Thirteenth street, from Jersey avenue to the west side of Coles street. (Estimated cost, $3,159.31.)

Edward O'Donnell, for the improvement Jewett avenue, from Bergen avenue to Hudson Boulevard. (Estimated cost, $2,822.04.)

(All in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895.)

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, May 24, 1897, to wit:—

"Ordering paid the folowing claims":—

F. Pattberg & Co., $40 and $13.77; J. W. Laws, $4.95; Jersey Cycle Company, $1; F. P. Woodcock, $26; Chas. H. Dayton, $46.75 and $13.70.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$196.10 to John A. Nugent, for taking testimony, etc., in re-certiorari of contract awarded to the Jersey City Water Co., etc.

(Chargeable to water account.)

$70 to Andrew J. Boyle, for fees as Clerk, Second Criminal Court, for month of April, 1897.

$26 to Andrew J. Boyle, for fees as Clerk, Second Criminal Court, for February, 1897.

(Chargeable to account Criminal Court fees.)

$66.66 to Albert Payne, for services as marshal to Second District Court, for May, 1897, when due.

(Chargeable to account District Court fees.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported that the revision of the Charter of Jersey City as compiled by Mr. William P. Douglass has been completed, and recommend that they be authorized to advertise for bids for the printing and binding such revised edition of the Charter of Jersey City, according to the specifications prepared by the Corporation Counsel and received by this Board April 8, 1897.

The report was received and the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies were directed to advertise for bids on motion of Mr. Simpson.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$4.45 to James Atchison, for rubber stamps for Comptroller and Mayor's offices.

$112.27 to Charles H. Dayton, for printing and stationery for City Collector.

$2.50 to A. Kantrowitch & Bro., for oak frames for Mayor's office.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole reported (which report was signed by the follow-

ing members, J. S. Bailey, Henry Brautigam, R. Simpson and H. L. Kellers), recommending the adoption of the following preamble and resolution:—

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor in a communication under date of May 6, 1897, notified this Board that as the Hon. P. F. Wanser, upon relinquishing the office of Mayor, informed him that he would institute quo warranto proceedings, he had retained Hon. A. L. McDermott to represent him in said action and requested that this Board authorize the same.

Resolved, That this Board concur in the request made by His Honor the Mayor, and authorize the retaining of said Allan L. McDermott to represent Mayor Hoos in said cause, provided that said authority is granted on condition that said Allan L. McDermott shall bring on the final hearing of said suits before the Court of Errors and Appeals, at the coming June term thereof, and that said Allan L. McDermott shall have no claim against the city for his professional services in case the constitutionality of Chapter 28 of the Laws of 1897 is upheld by the final judgment in said cases.

The report was received and the recommendation therein contained were adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President.

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—Mr. Midlige—1.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the following described property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale, for which a deed has been given vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to the party named herein or his assigns in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the amount now due the city thereon, including all taxes levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of his Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel:—

Gustav Hilchen, 3724C, Block 1325, Lot 25, Stegman street.

By Mr. Simpson on behalf of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board February 4, 1897, concurring in the resolution of the Board of Aldermen of January 19, 1897, selling and conveying to C. P. Smith Lots 6 and 7, Block 323, Centre street, sale Nos. 2,323 and 2,324, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

By Mr. Bailey on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Sinking Fund Commission on water account, as follows:—

For $14,000, for payment of principal of $586,000 5% water bonds, due April 1, 1916, in accordance with an act approved June 9, 1890, and resolution of the Board of Finance passed March 26, 1891.

For $7,000, for payment of principal of $350,000 5% water bonds, due June 1, 1921, in accordance with an act approved April 17, 1891, and resolution of the Board of Finance passed May 13, 1891.

For $5,000, for payment of principal of $248,000 5% water bonds, due January 2, 1922, in accordance with an act approved June 9, 1890, and resolution of the Board of Finance passed November 11, 1891.

For $4,000, for payment of principal of $200,000 5% water bonds, due January 2, 1923, in accordance with an act approved June 9, 1890, and resolution of the Board of Finance passed November 17, 1892.

For $3,600, for payment of principal of $179,000 4½% water bonds, due January 1, 1925, in accordance with an act approved March 16, 1893, and resolution of the Board of Finance passed October 4, 1894.

By Mr. Midlige.—

Resolved, That the services of Albert Payne, marshal, Second District Court, be and the same are hereby dispensed with on and after June 1, 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the action of the Ravine Road Sewer Extension Commission in awarding a contract to Thomas Cavanagh for the reconstruction of the main outlet sewer heretofore constructed at the joint expense of Jersey City and Hoboken, be and the same is hereby approved by this Board.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of W. E. Keeffe for $3, to return over-charge for water rents for year 1897, on Lot 18, Block 75, No. 9 Dick street, the above over-charge having been paid for water closet May 13, 1897, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to transfer from "special water account" to "water sinking fund,"

January 2, 1925, the sum of $9,164.80, the same being premium received December 29, 1894, on $179,000 4½ % water bonds, due January 2, 1925.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, June 2, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the following meetings, regular, May 6, 1897; adjourned regular, May 13, 1897; regular, May 19, 1897, and adjourned regular, May 26, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form, on motion of Mr. Kellers.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of Fuller's Express Company for the return of $6 for erroneous payment of water rents for year 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Communication from Albert Payne relative to dispensing with his services as Marshal to the Second District Court by the Board of Finance, and notifying the Board that he is an honorably discharged Union soldier, and claiming that said action of the Board was illegal under the laws of this State.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Bond of James Dugan as Constable in the sum of $1,000, with Daniel Y. Lewis and John Daly as sureties.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committee:—

J. J. O'Hara, $129.20; Frank Meyer, $25; W. W. Chilver, $26; Charles H. Dayton, $111.51; George B. Fielder, $11.65.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., May 26, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—I desire to inform your honorable Board that I have this day appointed Mr. Willard C. Fisk Assistant City or Corporation Attorney of Jersey City, N. J., for the term of two years, from the fourth Tuesday in May, A. D., eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, in accordance with the provision of an act entitled "An Act to establish a law department in cities of the first class in this State, to provide for the appointment and duties of the officers therein, and for their compensation and term of office," passed May 16, 1894; and have fixed his salary at the sum of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, payable monthly.

Very respectfully yours,

EDWARD HOOS,

Mayor.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., June 2, 1897.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—After a careful personal investigation both by myself and by competent real estate owners, citizens and taxpayers who understand the value of real estate and whose integrity and honesty cannot be questioned, and who have the welfare of the city at heart, I have approved the resolution concerning the new school sites and which were passed by your honorable Board on May 19, 1897. The location of the sites is excellent and I believe will relieve the necessity for schools which at present exist in these sections. As for the price it is a difficult matter to get at the true value. The assessed value of property in itself does not furnish a fair criterion. Unimproved property receives the same protection as improved property, and in many instances should be assessed much higher than it is both to compel improvement, to pay a fairer proportion of the taxes, to relieve the heavy tax on improved property and to benefit the city at large. The fact too, that the city needs not one but several lots and that almost necessarily more than one owner is to be considered in purchasing these lots is also an element which tends to affect the value. I firmly believe that the city is paying a fair price and no more.

Yours respectfully.

EDWARD HOOS,

Mayor.

Ordered filed.

From the Clerk of the Board:—

Jersey City, N. J., June 2,, 1897.

Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I beg leave to inform your honorable Board that the following constables have failed to renew their bonds as required by Section 3, Chapter 196, Laws of 1880:—

William Herche, Third Ward.

Thomas A. McCabe, Fifth Ward.

Charles Bodden, Twelfth Ward.

Yours respectfully,

MARTIN FINCK,

Clerk.

Received and ordered filed.

From the Board of Street and Water Commissioners:—

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Rescinding resolution adopted May 19, 1897, fixing certain salaries except so far as it refers to the salary of assistant tapper.

(Adopted May 29, 1897.)

2. Fixing the salary of carpenter at Belleville, J. Long, vice A. J. Booth, at $3 a day, when engaged.

(Adopted May 29, 1897.)

3. Fixing the salary of fireman at Belleville, McCarthy, vice Holmes, at $65 per month.

(Adopted May 29, 1897.)

4. Fixing the salary of machinist helper

at Belleville, D. Carr, vice J. C. Hooker, at $2.50 per day.

(Adopted May 29, 1897.)

5. Fixing the salary of laborer laying and repairing water pipe, Smith, vice Taylor, at $2 per day, when engaged.

(Adopted May 29, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bond of James Dugan as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Daniel Y. Lewis and John Daly as sureties, reported recommending that the bond of James Dugan be approved, spread at large upon the bond book and filed.

The report was received and the recommendations therein contained were adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Fixing the salary of machinist helper at Belleville, D. Carr, vice J. C. Hooker, at $2.50 per day.

(Adopted May 29, 1897.)

2. Fixing the salary of carpenter at High Service, J. Long, vice A. J. Booth, at $3 a day, when engaged.

(Adopted May 29, 1897.)

3. Fixing the salary of fireman at Belleville, McCarthy, vice Holmes, at $65 per month.

(Adopted May 29, 1897.)

4. Fixing the salaries of certain employes in the Water Department, Simon vice Ellison, as general clerk, and others, Re-assessor, etc.

(Adopted May 29, 1897.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the following claim:—

$25 to Frank Meyer for services as Marshal to the First District Court for May, 1897.

(Chargeable to account "District Court Fees.")

The report was received and the claim was ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$111.51 to Charles H. Dayton for stationery, etc., etc., Corporation Attorney's office.

$26 to W. W. Chilver for services as temporary clerk in City Collector's office for the month of May, 1897.

$30.90 to J. W. Harrison for stationery, etc., Mayor's office.

(Chargeable to account of claims, 1896-1897.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims further reported as follows:—

That in the matter of petition of the Jersey City Building and Loan Association for the reduction of certain assessments for taxes for year 1895 that the petition be referred to the Board of Tax Commissioners.

The report was received and the recommendation adopted.

Mr. Midlige, chairman of the same committee, presented a communication received by him from George W. McEwan concerning the cancellation of certain assessments against Julius Belte and others, his clients, for the joint outlet sewer between Jersey City and West Hoboken, which communication, he, Mr. Midlige, was requested to bring the matter up before the Board and have the petitions disposed of.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the same committee, presented a communication from the Corporation Attorney, William P. Douglass, in answer to request made by the committee, in which he advises as to the request contained in the petition of the Sisters of Charity of St. Elizabeth presented to this Board December 22, 1896, that the taxes referred to should continue to be taxed.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and disposed of as follows:—

By Mr. Kellers:—

Resolved, That the Law Department of the city be requested to take immediate steps toward procuring title to lands ordered purchased for the several new school house sites, and in case of a re-

fusal by any owner to convey for the price offered, to take proceedings for condemnation.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Fullers Express Company for $6, to return amount paid for erroneous assessment for water rents for year 1897, paid May 20, 1897, the charge of $6 for water closet being an error of Water Department, and that the Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Under authority of a supplement to what is known as the "Martin Act," approved March 15, 1897, John Creech has been appointed by this Board to do such clerical work as may be required in preparing and recording all matters connected with the sale of property purchased by the city under the "Martin Act"; therefore be it

Resolved, That the said John Creech be provided with a desk in the City Clerk's office, and that he be allowed access to all the papers in cases where sales of land have taken place, and where titles to the land so sold have not yet been perfected, in order that said John Creech can perform services toward perfecting the same.

The above resolutions were each adopt- by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

On motion of Mr. Bailey the Board then took a recess for five minutes.

Upon re-assembling of the Board the following members were present:—

President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Bailey on behalf of the Committee on Finance, and the same was adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners, by resolution passed at its meeting held April 29, 1897, to wit:—"Whereas, By reason of insufficient appropriations for lighting streets, public buildings and public places in Jersey City the United Gas Improvement Company, the New York and New Jersey Globe and Gas Light Company, the Jersey City and Hudson County Electric Light Companies have furnished light to the said streets, public buildings and public places for the years 1886, 1888, 1889, 1891, 1892, 1893 1894, and 1895, and the said corporations have remained unpaid therefor for the whole of the amount as appears by the annexed schedule.

Therefore be it resolved, That this Board does hereby make its requisition for the sum of forty thousand five hundred and seventy-six and 22-100 dollars for the purpose of the payment of the claims aforesaid, on the Board of Finance of Jersey City, in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An Act to authorize cities of the first class to provide for and pay amounts unpaid for lighting streets, public buildings and public places, arising from insufficient appropriations, approved March 11, 1893, and the act amendatory to said act, approved April 16, 1897," schedule, etc., $40,576.22, has made requisition upon the Board of Finance as provided in said resolution as aforesaid; and

Whereas, This Board believes that the sum of $38,000 will be sufficient payment on the part of the city for the liquidation of said claim of said companies as aforesaid.

Resolved, That this Board does hereby appropriate and set aside to the credit of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the purposes as aforesaid, the sum of $38,000; provided that the said the United Gas Improvement Company, New York and New Jersey Globe and Gas Light Company and the Jersey City and Hudson County Electric Light Companies upon receipt of a warrant or warrants in the sum hereby appropriated shall file with the City Clerk a proper release drawn by the Corporation Attorney and approved by the Corporation Counsel that said companies accept said payments in lieu of all claims specified in the itemized statement presented to this Board and embodied in the resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners passed at its meeting held April 29, 1897, and the City Clerk be directed not to deliver said warrant or warrants until such release has been filed; and

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of the act approved March 11, 1893, already quoted and of Chapter 131 of the Laws of 1897, a bond or bonds to the amount of $38,000 be and the same are hereby authorized to be issued to run for a term of from one to ten years at a rate of interest not to exceed four (4) per centum per annum.

Resolved, That a sinking fund be and the same is hereby created to pay off the principal of said $38,000 of bonds hereby authorized to be issued under said acts referred to by inserting in the tax levy each year hereafter the sum of $3,800, said sum to be placed in said sinking fund and applied to the payment of said bonds as they come due.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Monday, June 14, 1897, at 9:30 o'clock A. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The call for the meeting, which was for the purpose of passing a resolution to appoint an agent, on behalf of the city, in relation to the matter of purchase of sites for schoolhouses, and the transaction of business coming under the regular order of business, was read by the Clerk.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of Annie Foley, for the return of $10 overcharge for water rents, year 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

A communication was received from George T. Bouton, Clerk of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, in reference to holding a conference between said Board and the Board of Finance in the matter of water supply, on June 7, 1897.

The communication was filed and the President here stated that the members of the Board of Finance had agreed to said conference, and that the conference took place on the day named.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

F. Heppenheimer's Sons, $120; Jersey City News, $70; Hamilton A. Lush, $70; Frank J. Higgins, $12; J. Herbert Potts, $18; Frank J. Higgins, $66; J. Herbert Potts, $144; Postal Telegraph Cable Co., $8.90, $3.20; Evening Journal, $229.15; N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $5.92.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, June 5, 1897.

To Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I have received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for collection in my office the following assessment maps:

Improvement of Van Winkle street, Boulevard to Tonnele avenue, $2,787.

Sewer in Van Winkle street, Boulevard to Germania avenue, $2,461.

Improvement of Congress street, Central to Summit avenues, $2,612.50.

Improvement of Pavonia avenue, Chestnut to Summit avenue, $5,146.49.

Improvement of Cottage street, Boulevard to Pennsylvania Railroad, $4.944.88.

Improvement of North street, Boulevard to Nelson avenue, $1,241.56.

Improvement of Grace street, Boulevard to Nelson avenue, $1,876.

Sewer in Thorne street, 95 feet west Central avenue to Summit avenue, $1,347.

Sewer in Waverley street, 325 feet east of Oakland to Oakland avenue, $731.55.

Main branch sewer, West Side avenue, N. & N. Y. R. R. to Pollock avenue, $4,587.

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed.

From the City Comptroller:—

Jersey City, June 7, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—The city has paid interest on six year improvement certificates issued under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289 of the Laws of 1895, as follows:—

Interest due July 1, 1896.....	$3,897 68
Interest due January 1, 1897.....	6,217 20
Interest on certificates called in.	436 49
Total paid....	$10,551 37
There will be interest due of July 1, 1897, to be provided for	11,545 02
	$22,096 39
The amount of interest collected to May 31, 1897, on improvements made under these laws.	2,400 00
Leaving net amount to be provided....	$19,696 39

The amount of interest paid as above stated ($10,551.37) was advanced by "special general account" in order to save interest on loans. This account now requires the amount to meet obligations of its own.

The interest collected on assessments made under these laws will be applied toward the payment of the interest on improvement certificates or the obligations of the city given for the purpose of raising the amount required to meet said interest.

As many of the improvements for which certificates have been issued have not as yet been confirmed, the loss of interest to become a charge upon the city cannot at this time be determined.

Respectfully,

G. R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Board of Street and Water Commissioners:—

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service for the month of May, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,828.52.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of Water Registrar, etc., in the Water Department for the month of May, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $2,852.08.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the salaries of employes, laying and repairing water pipe, for the month of May, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $2,762.74.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

4. Awarding to W. H. Neill the contract for the construction of an 18-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Brunswick street, from a point about 20 feet north of Bright street, to and connecting with the sewer in York street, (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $912.82.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

5. Awarding to Edward O'Neill, the contract for the construction of a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Germania avenue, from a point about 525 feet north of St. Paul's avenue, to and connecting with the sewer in St. Paul's avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $1,040.62.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

6. Awarding to Philip Tumulty, Jr., the contract for the construction of a vitrified pipe sewer in Germania avenue, from a point about 30 feet south of St. Paul's avenue, to and connecting with the sewer at the intersection of Germania and Van Winkle avenues (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $932.42.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

7. Awarding to Rehill & Edwards the contract for the improvement of Avenue E, from the south side of Brown place to the south side of Cator avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $9.406.75.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

8. Awarding to Henry Byrne the contract for the construction of a sewer in Canal street, from a point about 35 feet east of Jersey avenue to Grove street and through Grove street to and connecting with the sewer in Grand street (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost $3,662.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

9. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

10. Awarding to William H. Neill the contract for the construction of a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Fifth street, from a point about ten feet east of Brunswick street, to and connecting with the sewer in Monmouth street (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost $1,540.25.

(Adopted June 7, 1897.)

11. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted June 7, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the salaries of the Water Registrar, etc., in the Water Department for the month of May, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $2,852.08.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

2. Awarding contracts to the following named parties:—

W. H. Neill, for the construction of an 18-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Brunswick street, from a point about 20 feet north of Bright street, to and connecting with a sewer in York street; estimated cost, $912.82.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

Henry Byrne, for the construction of a sewer in Canal street, from a point 35 feet east of Jersey avenue to Grove street, and through Grove street, to and connecting with the sewer in Grand street; estimated cost, $3,662.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

Edward O'Neill, for the construction of a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Germania avenue, from a point about 525 feet north of St. Paul's avenue, to and connecting with the sewer in St. Paul's avenue; estimated cost, $1,040.62.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

Rehill & Edwards, for the improvement of Avenue E, from the south side of Brown place, to the south side of Cator avenue; estimated cost, $9,406.75.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

Philip Tumulty, Jr., for the construction of a vitrified pipe sewer in Germania avenue, from a point about 30 feet south of St. Paul's avenue, to and connecting with the sewer at the intersection of Germania and Van Winkle avenues; estimated cost, $932.42.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

All the above, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895.

3. Awarding to William H. Neill the contract for the construction of a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Fifth street, from a point about ten feet east of Brunswick street, to and connecting with the sewer in Monmouth street (in acordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $1,540.25.

(Adopted June 7, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid the following claims:—

June 4, 1897:—

Richard Jackson, $8; Charles H. Dayton, $20; Brinckman & Hauck, $19.80; United Gas Improvement Co., $4.20; W. H. Maze, $15.75 and $12.34.

June 7, 1897:—

T. C. Dunham, $21.80; Edward O'Donnell, $12 and $17.32; T. C. Dunham, $44.41, $26.84, $22.90 and $14.10; L. S. Hubbard, $250; Chas. Both, $520; Jersey Cycle Co., $1; W. J. Altherr, 208; Brinkman & Hauck, $170; Gilson, Collins & Co., $28.06; F. Pattberg & Co., $49.60; Gilson, Collins & Co., $35.92 and J. Schellenberger, $10.45.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$32.91 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co. for messenger service to "Mayor's" office, during January, 1897.

$22.50 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co. for messenger service to "Mayor's" office, during December, 1896.

$17.52 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co. for messenger service and telegrams for "Mayor's" office for February, 1897.

68 cents to Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, for typewriting supplies.

$11.65 to George B. Fielder, for recording deeds to Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

$129.20 to J. J. O'Hara for printing, stationery, etc., etc., Board of Finance.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented, received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $10, in favor of Albert Meyer, to return to him amount erroneously assessed for water rents (beer pump), on Lot "17, "18, Block 391, Seventh street, for year 1897, and that thethe Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Chapters 217 and 289 of the Laws of 1895, temporary loan bonds in the amount of $19,696.39, bc issued; said bonds to be made payable on demand, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, and the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds to be used to return loans heretofore made for payment of interest on six year improvement certificates, issued under said laws, and also to pay interest due July 1, 1897, on $513,-111.94 of said certificates.

The following resolution was also presented, received and adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Excused from voting—Mr. Midlige—1.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By President Brautigam:—

Resolved, That William F. Midlige be and he is hereby appointed the agent of the city, and as such is hereby authorized to take any and all steps necessary for the acquisition of the several tracts of land heretofore selected as school sites by resolution of this Board passed at its regular meeting held on May 19, 1897, and approved by His Honor the Mayor June 2, 1897.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Wednesday, June 16, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present at roll call—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey and Simpson—3.

Absent—Messrs. Kellers and Midlige—2.

Messrs, Kellers and Midlige subsequently appeared and took their seats.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the "regular" meeting held Wednesday, June 2, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form, on motion of Mr. Bailey.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSALS.

In response to an advertisement inviting proposals for printing 500 copies of the revised charter of Jersey City, two proposals were received as follows:—

Herig Bros., for printing, $1,470, binding, $400. Total $1,870.

Jersey City Printing Co., printing, $1,064. binding, $360. Total $1.424.

The proposals were received and referred to the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies.

Before the reading of the bid of the Jersey City Printing Co., Messrs. Kellers and Midlige appeared and took ther seats.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then took a recess.

Upon the reassembling of the Board the following members were present:—

President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

PETITIONS, ETC.

A petition was received from Gustave Hilchen for a deed of property known as lot 24, Block 1326, Stegman and Dwight street, purchased by the city October 3, 1893, the petitioner having deposited with the city the sum of $238.19, the amount due the city on said property up to June 10, 1897.

The petition was referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

CLAIMS.

The folowing claims were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Albert Payne, $66.66; Jersey City News, $229.16; Isaac Van Saun, $50; S. B. Ogden, $10; Chas. H. Dayton, $93.71, $27.74 and $88.83.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Comptroller:—

A communication requesting that the services of Isaac Van Saun, temporary clerk in office of City Comptroller, be retained until December 1, 1897, at $50 per month, to be paid out of "Martin Act" account.

Referred to Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Estimates of appropriations for fiscal year 1897-1898, were received from the following Boards and referred to the Committee of the Whole:—

Board of Police Commissioners, Board of Fire Commissioners, Board of Education, Board of Street and Water Commissioners, Commissioners of Appeals, Commissioners of Assessments and Sinking Fund Commissioners.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid certain awards for real estate taken and damages sustained in the widening and improving of Runyon avenue, between Hudson Boulevard and Morris Canal; and awarding to Henry Byrne the contract for the widening and improving of Runyon avenue, between Hudson Boulevard and Morris Canal, conformably to the provisions of Chapter 289 of the Laws of 1895.

(Adopted June 14, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid certain awards for real estate taken and damages sustained in the widening and improving of Pearsall avenue, between Hudson Boulevard and Morris Canal, and awarding to Henry Byrne the contract for the widening and improving of Pearsall avenue, between Hudson Boulevard and Morris Canal, conformably to the provisions of Chapter 289 of the Laws of 1895.

(Adopted June 14, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent, etc., in the Water Department for the month of May, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,284.14.

(Adopted June 14, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid the salaries of laborers on meters, for the month of May, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $573.40.

(Adopted June 14, 1897.)

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted June 14, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid certain awards for real estate taken and damages sustained in the widening and improving of Runyon avenue, between Hudson Boulevard and Morris Canal; and awarding to Henry Byrne the contract for the widening and improving of Runyon avenue, between Hudson Boulevard and Morris Canal, conformably to the provisions of Chapter 289 of the Laws of 1895.

(Adopted June 14, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid certain awards for real estate taken and damages sustained in the widening and improving of Pearsall avenue, between Hudson Boulevard and Morris Canal, and awarding to Henry Byrne the contract for the widening and improving of Pearsall avenue,

between Hudson Boulevard and Morris Canal, conformably to the provisions of Chapter 289 of the Laws of 1895.

(Adopted June 14, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the following claims:—

June 14, 1897:—

A. Datz, $73.65; W. H. Maze, $28.41, $16.45, $14.95 and $4.15; Patrick Sherry, $29; Gilson, Collins & Co., $30.99; Wm. H. Blackshaw, $111.56; N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $16.85, $46.48, $31.07 and $73.99.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$229.16 to the Jersey City News, for publishing official minutes month of June, 1897, when due.

$229.16 to the Evening Journal, for publishing official minutes, month of June, 1897, when due.

(Chargeable to account "publishing minutes.")

$50 to Isaac Van Saun, for services as temporary clerk in City Comptroller's office, for month of June, 1897, when due.

(Chargeable to acount "Martin Act."

$70 to Hamilton A. Lush, for services as assistant to Clerk of First District Court, for month of June, 1897, when due.

(Chargeable to account fees from District Courts.)

$150 to J. Herbert Potts for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court, bill of March 18, 1896.

$110 to James F. Norton, for fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court, bill of December 19, 1897.

$98 to James F. Norton, for fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court, bill of November 14, 1896.

(Chargeable to account Fees First Criminal Court.)

$153 to Wm. P. Douglass, for fees as Judge Second Criminal Court for June, 1896.

$150 to Wm. P. Douglass, for fees as Judge of Second Criminal Court for month of July, 1896.

(Chargeable to account of fees Second Criminal Court.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering paid the salaries of Mayor and others for the month of June, 1897, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $4,691.64.

The report was receivd and the recommendations therein contained were adopted, and the payroll as therein named was passed by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$70 to The Jersey City News for printing manual pages 171-178 and 1 to 27, Board of Finance.

$3.20 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co. for messenger service, month of May, 1897, Board of Finance.

$10 to Silas B. S. Ogden for removing benches, railings, furniture, etc., from old First District Court rooms to new City Hall.

$93.71 to Charles H. Dayton, for stationery, etc., etc., furnished Mayor's office.

$27.74 to Charles H. Dayton for printing, etc., for City Comptroller.

$88.83 to Charles H. Dayton for printing, postage stamps, etc., etc., for City Collector.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, June 24, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $60,000, on account of county taxes of 1896.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners, for the following amount for sinking fund purposes, fiscal year 1896-1897:—

To pay $525,000 5% water bonds, due

February 1, 1913, Act of January 30, 1883..	$12,000
To pay $548,000 5% assessment bonds and $200,000 5% general bonds, due January 2, 1922, Act of June 9, 1890..	15,000
To pay $700,000 5% assessment gold bonds, due September 1, 1923, Act of March 16, 1893..	14,000
To pay $600,000 5% assessment gold bonds, due May 1, 1924, Act of March 16, 1893	12,000
Total	$53,000

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commissioners of Jersey City, for the sum of $4,000, on account of 25% of liquor license fees received on and after July 1, 1896.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, A further communication was this day received from the City Comptroller, in which he informs this Board that it will be necessary to continue the services of Isaac Van Saun until December 1, 1897, at $50 per month; therefore

Resolved, That the request of the City Comptroller to continue the services of Isaac Van Saun, as clerk in his office, for the term ending December 1, 1897, be complied with by this Board, and that the continuation of employment of said Isaac Van Saun be and is hereby confirmed, salary to be paid out of "Martin Act" account.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the following described property purchased by the city under the adjustment tax sale, for which a deed has been given vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to the party named herein or his assigns in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the amount now due the city thereon, including all taxes levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and deliverd to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser:—

Gustave Hilchen, sale No. 3724B, Block 1226, Lot 24, Stegman and Dwight streets.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Thursday, June 24, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of special meeting, June 14, 1897, and of the regular meeting, June 16, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petitions for the assignment of deeds held by the city were presented and received from the following named parties:

Samuel G. Negus, Sale No. 2667, Block 643, Lot 18 and 19, Ege avenue.

George H. Palmer, Sale No. 4488, Block 623, Lot 3, St. Paul's avenue.

George H. Palmer, Sale No. 4487, Block 623, Lot 2, St. Paul's avenue.

George H. Palmer, Sale No. 4495, Block 628, Lot 42 to 46 and 47 (excepting so much thereof as has been taken in the extending of Bevan street) Terry alley.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Invitation from the Robert Davis Association, inviting the Board to attend the eighth annual free excursion given by the association, Wednesday, July 7, 1897.

Received and accepted on motion of Mr. Bailey.

Petition of Frank C. O'Reilly, by Wallis, Edward & Bumsted, his attorneys, for the payment of $5,871.67, for crushed stone delivered to the city for the repair of Garfield avenue during the year 1894.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Jersey City News, $135 and $17.50; Chas. H. Dayton, $52.75, $2.38, $31 and $1; J. M. Startup, $83.33; John Buckingham, $127.50; George B. Fielder, $121.25, and Postal Tel. Cable Co., $5.15.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Estimates for appropriations for the fiscal year 1897-1898 were received from the following Boards, and they were each referred to the Committee of the Whole.

From the Board of Aldermen, City Hall Commission and the Board of Tax Commissioners.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, June 21, 1897.

Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—At the sale of property for taxes, under the "Martin Act," April 16, 1897, Mr. John Edelstein purchased Lot C, Block 314, on Second street, and paid the sum of six hundred and twenty-one and 33-100 dollars ($621.33); subsequently, June 17, the owner, Mrs. Catherine Hinken, paid into this office, and inadvertently we received the same, the full amount of the adjusted claim with interest to June 17, it therefore being a duplicate payment, the above sum of $621.33 should be returned to John Edelstein and the sale cancelled, Mr. Edelstein having consented to the cancellation.

Yours truly,

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Fixing the salaries of temporary employes, repairing main pipe across Hackensack Meadows as follows:—Mason, $4 per day, and mason's helper (two), $2.50 per day, when engaged.

(Adopted June 21, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted June 21, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the following described property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale, for which deeds have been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to the parties named herein or their assigns in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the amounts now due the city thereon, including all taxes levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amounts to the City Treasurer deeds be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deeds shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchasers:—

Samuel G. Negus, Sale No. 2767, Block 643, Lots 18 and 19, Ege avenue.

George H. Palmer, Sale No. 4488, Block 623, Lot 3, St. Paul's avenue.

George H. Palmer, Sale No. 4487, Block 623, Lot 2, St. Paul's avenue.

George H. Palmer, Sale No. 4495, Block 628, Lot 42 to 46 and 47 (excepting so much thereof as has been taken in the extending of Bevan street) Terry alley.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolu-

tions reported, recommending that the following resolution be adopted:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners June 21, 1897, to wit:—

That the salaries of individuals appointed this day for temporary employment on repairing main pipe, Hackensack meadows, be and are hereby fixed as follows:—

Mason, $4 per day when engaged.

Mason's helper, (two) $2.50 per day when engaged.

The report was received and the resolution was concurred in by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$135 to The Jersey City News for advertising fourth sale of city property acquired under the "Martin Act."

$83.33 to J. M. Startup for services as extra clerk in City Collector's office for month of June, 1897, when due.

$52.75 to Charles H. Dayton for printing blanks, etc., for use under "Martin Act," for City Comptroller.

(Chargeable to account "Martin Act.")

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$17.50 to the Jersey City News for advertising notice for proposals for printing and binding Revised City Charter.

$31 to Charles H. Dayton for stationery for Corporation Attorney.

$2.38 to Charles H. Dayton for stationery, etc., for City Collector.

$1 to Charles H. Dayton for postage stamps, "Mayor's" office.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Monday, June 28, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented, received and they were each adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to have prepared, engraved and printed 300 $1,000 thirty-year coupon bonds, in accordance with resolution passed by this Board May 1, 1897, at a cost not exceeding $450.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $10, in favor of Annie Foley, to return to her amount erroneously assessed for water rents (beer pump) on Lot 68, Block 571, No. 11 Hoboken avenue, for year 1897, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, Certain lands known and assessed prior to the year 1891, as part of south part of Plot 21, Block 915, Nelson avenue, were at that date, by map filed by C. Spengeman, in future to be known as Lot 1, Block 915, Nelson avenue; and

Whereas, The Board of Assessors did take notice of said change, but at the same time continued the assessment on their books of part of south part of 21, consequently causing a duplicate assessment of said property; and

Whereas, The owner of said property was not aware of the change of lot number (and continued to pay on part of south part 21, to and including the taxes for the year 1895), until called upon to pay the adjusted taxes on Lot 1, Block 915, as adjusted in Report No. 102; therefore be it

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the City Collector for the sum of $118.45, to return taxes paid by Phillippina Bohl in error, as above set forth as follows:—

		Interest
Nov. 27, 1891, taxes, 1891....	$19.73	$6.68
Dec. 12, 1892, taxes, 1892....	19.84	5.43
Feb. 1, 1894, taxes, 1893....	19.48	4.07
Dec. 6, 1894, taxes, 1894....	19.17	3.05
Dec. 4, 1895, taxes, 1895....	19.15	1.85
	$97.27	$21.08
Interest....	21.08	
Total	$118.45	

Said warrant to be used only in part payment of adjusted taxes, etc., on Lot 1. Block 915, Nelson avenue, as adjusted in Report No. 102.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to transfer from adjusted lien account collections made October 15, 1896, to June 23, 1897, as follows:—

To General Account, (advertising fees).....	$358 00
To General Account (adjusted taxes, 1895)....	20,286 93
To General Account (adjusted taxes, 1894).....	27,628 46
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1893 (adjusted taxes, 1893).....	26,934 65
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1892 (adjusted taxes, 1893).....	9,161.81
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1891 (adjusted taxes, 1891)....	7,018 28
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890 (adjusted taxes, 1890).....	4.497 33
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889 (adjusted taxes, 1889)....	3,875 94
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888 (adjusted taxes, 1888).....	2,420 51
To Tax Arrearage Fund, (adjusted taxes, 1875 to 1887).....	4,934 42
To Tax Arrearage Fund, Interest on adjusted taxes)	6,612 09
To Sinking Fund, 1893 (adjusted taxes, 1873 to 1874).....	259 82
To Assessment Account, (adjusted assessments).....	10,375 97
To Water Rent, (adjusted water rents).....	4,540 91
Total.....	$128,905 12

By Mr. Bailey on behalf of the Committee on Finance.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to issue a circular requesting proposals for $100,000 of the $300,000 Public School Bonds authorized to be issued by resolution passed by the Board, May 1, 1897, said circular to be in form as hereto annexed, and copies of said circular mailed to Brokers, Bankers and others of Jersey City, New York and other places.

(Circular.)

JERSEY CITY GOLD BONDS.

PROPOSALS FOR BONDS.

INTEREST 4 PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD.

BONDS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Finance of Jersey City, at their meeting to be held in the City Hall, on the .....day of..... 1897, at ..... o'clock ... M., when they will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of $.....

PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS.

(Coupon Bonds.)

Said bonds to be issued in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize cities of the first class in this State to issue bonds for the construction of public schools," approved March 31, 1897. The principal of said bonds is payable August 2, 1927, in gold coin of the United States of America, of the present standard of weight and fineness, and the interest at the rate of four(4) per cent. per annum is payable in gold semi-annually on the first days of February and August of each year.

Proposals should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and endorsed "Proposals for Bonds of Jersey City" and handed to the Clerk of the Board of Finance in open meeting, when called for at said meeting, to be held ....., 1897, at..... o'clock ..... M., in the City Hall.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check to the order of the City Treasurer of Jersey City for two (2) per cent. of the par value of the bonds bid for, the amount of said check to be credited upon said bid if accepted, and to be returned forthwith if not accepted.

Said bonds bear date August 2, 1897, and shall be delivered on August 9, 1897.

The purchaser paying accrued interest on the bonds to the day of delivery.

By resolution passed by the Board of Finance, May 1, 1897, authorizing the issue of these bonds, a sinking fund was also created for the purpose of paying the principal of said bonds when due.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if deemed for the best interests of Jersey City.

By order of the Board of Finance,

GEORGE R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow $5,060.09 on bonds to be issued in anticipation of the redemption of lands bought by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, at the sale of the City Collector, made April 14, 1897, of lands for unpaid adjusted taxes, assessments and water rents; said bonds to be payable at the option of the city, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable with the bonds, and the proceeds to be applied for the certificates of sale of the property purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen at said sales; and

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of the City Collector, for the sum of $5,060.09, in payment of certificates of sale of the property purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City at sale of lands for unpaid adjusted taxes, assess-

ments and water rents, sold April 14, 1897, as per schedule annexed.—

Block.	Lots.	Amount.
565	28	$1,015 26
608-1759	50	25 53
609-1760	38, 39	43 78
50 to 55--1617	74, 75	47 34
528-1806	61	117 21
1274	112	58 20
1274	113	112 60
1200	62	209 00
781	282	517 44
982	1 to 5	83 78
982	41 and 42	23 15
982	43 and 44	23 15
982	45 and 46	23 15
982	47 and 48	23 15
982	54	23 15
983	1	17 08
983	2 to 5	68 62
918	12 to 19	129 24
917	65	53 46
876	13B	328 54
894	28	46 47
894	29	46 47
894	33 and 34	84 97
894	39 and 40	68 62
894	45 and 46	53 46
907	3	38 29
908	7 and 8	65 67
908	13 and 14	65 67
908	25 and 26	65 67
910	29	19 35
910	33 and 34	27 22
898	17	65 60
793	159	194 15
807	7 and 8	500 24
909	7	15 35
326	32	319 60
662	"210 and 211	96 70
907	2	43 75
636-1979	34	215 54
361	8	84 47
Total		$5,060 09

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Monday, June 28, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented, received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Petition of Amos Birdsall for the return of $10 for erroneous assessment for water rents, year 1897.

Petition of A. D. Philips for the return of $56.79, for duplicate payment of taxes, 1895-1896.

A communication was received from Frank Stevens, auctioneer, report of sales made by him under the direction of the Committee on Finance of the Board of Finance, of property owned by the city, on June 16, 1897, and June 23, 1897, with names of purchasers and prices bid therefor.

Received and ordered filed.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and they were each referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., $1,654.65; Frank Stevens, $452.09, $589 and $48.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., June 25, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—I desire to inform you that under and by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled "An act providing for Boards of Appeal in Cases of Taxation in cities of the first class," approved February 25, 1892, I, this day, removed from office Messrs. John P. Landrine, Henry Pattberg and James Warner, and have appointed to succeed and for the unexpired terms of these gentlemen, Messrs. Charles H. Dayton, John Mehl and Dr. Mortimer Lampson.

Very respectfully yours,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service for the month of May, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,828.52.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of employes laying and repairing water pipe for the month of May, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $2,762.74.

(Adopted June 3, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent in the Water Department for the month of May, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,284.14.

(Adopted June 14, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid the salaries of laborers on meters for the month of May, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $573.40.

(Adopted June 14, 1897.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$1,654.65 to the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, for searches and disbursements in certain titles.

$452.09 to Frank Stevens for expenses as auctioneer concerning city's auction sale, June 16 and 23, 1897, posting notices, labor, stamps, etc.

$589 to Frank Stevens, for expenses, advertising, printing and postage, as auctioneer, concerning city's auction sale, June 16 and 23, 1897.

$48 to Frank Stevens, for auctioneer's fee for redemptions or deed assignments of sale, city property advertised for June 16 and 23, 1897.

(Chargeable to account of "Martin Act.")

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid, by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the following claim:—

$127.50 to John Buckingham, for services as expert, case of Kiernan against City Hall Commissioners.

(Chargeable to account of claims, 1896-1897.)

The report was received and the claim was ordered paid by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it to be to meet on Friday, July 2, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each

adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President.

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Midlige on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Amos Birdsall for $10, to return erroneous assesment for water rents year 1897, on Lot 32, Block 508½, 511 Communipaw avenue, paid May 28, 1897 (for beer pump).

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $244.63, in favor of John Griffin, attorney, to pay the judgment of John Burns, et als., recovered in the N. J. Supreme Court at the November, 1896, term against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City,and that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to deliver said warrant only upon the production of the necessary satisfaction piece. This resolution to be approved by the Corporation Counsel before presentation to His Honor the Mayor, and the amount to be paid out of account of claims.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Frank Stevens, the auctioneer, appointed under authority of this Board to sell the lands and real estate acquired by the city under the provisions of Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1886, and the supplements and amendments thereto, has reported to this Board the sales made by him, at public auction, after due advertisement and publication, at the City Hall, on the sixteenth and twenty-third days of June, 1897, with the prices bid therefor;

Resolved, That said sales be approved and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the seal of the city, and deliver proper deeds therefor to the purchasers thereof, in accordance with the terms of sale and direction of the City Comptroller.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, to be deposited to the credit of July, 1897, interest, as follows:—

On general account	$53,492 25
On general account, to pay interest on assessment bonds....	24,200 00
On water account	51,852 50
Total	$129,544 75

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to borrow, in the name of the city, the sum of $100,000, on temporary loan bonds, payable on demand, with interest at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum; the proceeds from said loans to be used for the payment of claims for the purchase of school sites, etc., in anticipation of the sale of bonds authorized to be issued by resolution of this Board, passed May 1, 1897; and be it further

Resolved, That the proceeds from the sale of the school bonds authorized to be issued, by resolution of this Board of May 1, 1897, shall be applied to the payment of the loans hereby authorized to be made.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of A. D. Phillips, for $56.79, for duplicate payment of taxes for year 1895-96, on lot part 50, block 588, No. 72 Cottage street, paid June 11, 1897, being duplicate of payment made October 29, 1896.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on one or more temporary loan bonds a sum not exceeding $300,000, to be issued from time to time as required, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the year 1896; said bonds to be payable on demand, with interest at a rate of not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on January 1 and July 1.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of George B. Fielder, for $115.98, part payment of bill ($121.25) presented to this Board June 24, 1897, for registering deeds of property acquired by Jersey City (chargeable to account "Martin Act.")

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of George B. Fielder for $5.27, balance of bill ($121.25), presented to this Board June 24, 1897, for registering deeds of property purchased for park and school sites by Jersey City (chargeable to account of "Claims," 1896-1897).

By Mr. Kellers:—

Resolved, That Messrs. Reuben Simpson and William F. Midlige, members of this Board, be and are hereby appointed agents of the city, to negotiate for the purchase of property in the Marion section of Jersey City, to be acquired for Fire Department purposes.

The following resolutions were also pre-

sented, received and they were each referred to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. Midlige:—

Whereas, His Honor the Mayor did, on the 26th day of May, 1897, appoint Mr. Willard C. Fisk Assistant Corporation Attorney, in compliance with the provisions of an act of the Legislature passed May 16, 1894, and the said His Honor the Mayor has fixed the salary of said office at $1,500 per year; and

Whereas, Said Willard C. Fisk did immediately upon his appointment assume the duties of his office; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Willard C. Fisk for $125 to pay for services rendered by him as Assistant Corporation Attorney, from May 26 to June 26, 1897, one month, and that said salary be paid out of such fund as this Board may hereafter set apart to pay for the services of Assistant Corporation Attorney.

By Mr. Midlige:—

Resolved, That in order that this Board may be enabled to pay the salary of the Assistant Corporation Attorney for services rendered from the date of the appointment by His Honor the Mayor, Edward Hoos (on May 26, 1897), this Board hereby appropriates the sum of $750, and in order to provide for said sum of $750 a temporary loan bond be issued in said amount, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 per cent. per annum, and that said amount be placed in the next tax levy, there not being an amount to the credit of the account of salaries sufficient to pay the above salary.

Mr. Bailey moved that a recess of five (5) minutes be taken.

Adopted.

Upon the reassembling of the Board all the members were present, five (5) in number.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted by this Board, at the meeting held May 19, 1897, in connection with the purchase of certain sites for school purposes, as is comprehended in the following be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded, to wit:—

"3. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map entitled 'Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, surveyor,' are known as lots Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, on Johnston avenue, and lots Nos. 39, 40 and 41, on Manning avenue, in block No. 2086; entire plot located on the northeast corner of Johnston and Manning avenues; said plot being two hundred (200) feet frontage on Johnston avenue and one hundred and twenty-nine and 88-100 (129 88-100) feet on Manning avenue, be any dimensions more or less."

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of the Real Estate Trusts Company, agents, for eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8,500), in full payment for the above mentioned site for school purposes; the warrant as aforesaid not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed, vesting the title of said property in the city, free of all encumbrance, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That this Board, as recommended in the report of the Committee of the Whole, under date of May 19, 1897, authorized the acquisition of the sites hereinafter described, to wit:—

3. All those certain lots, pieces and parcels of land situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, surveyor," are known as lots Nos. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, on Johnston avenue, and lot Nos. 39 and 41, on Manning avenue, in block No. 2,086.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of the Real Estate Trusts Company, agents, for seven thousand five hundred dollars ($7,500), in full payment for the above-mentioned site for school purposes; the warrant as aforesaid not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed, vesting the title of said property in the city, free of all encumbrances, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

3a. All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, New Jersey, 1894, L. D. Fowler, surveyor," is known as lot No. 40, on Manning avenue, in block No. 2,086.

Resolvd, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Alice McGrath, owner, for one thousand dollars, in full payment for the above mentionel lot. No. 40, Block 2,086, being a portion of the plot selected by this Board as a site for a public school, the purchase of all of which with this exception having been hertofore ordered by this Board; the warrant as aforesaid not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed, vesting the title of said property in the city, free of all encumbrance, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Wednesday, June 30, 1897, at 7:30 o'clock P. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Midlige and Simpson—3.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Kellers—2.

The call for the meeting, signed by Messrs. Simpson, Bailey and Midlige, and which was for the purpose of acting upon the resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, passed June 28, 1897, authorizing a contract to be entered into on behalf of this city to furnish water to the borough of East Newark, for a term of five years, dating from July 1, 1897, was read by the Clerk.

The following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners on June 28, 1897, was presented for concurrence:—

That a contract for the furnishing of water to the borough of East Newark for a term of five (5) years, dating from July 1, 1897, at the price of ninety dollars ($90) per million gallons, be and is hereby authorized to be entered into on behalf of this city, and that the proper city authorities be empowered and requested to attach their signatures thereto.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, June 28, 1897, to wit:—

That a contract for the furnishing of water to the borough of East Newark, for a term of five (5) years, dating from July 1, 1897, at the price of ninety dollars ($90) per million gallons, be and are hereby authorized to be entered into on behalf of this city, and that the proper city authorities be empowered and requested to attach their signatures thereto.

The report was received and the resolution therein contained was adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Midlige and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Kellers—2.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Friday, July 2, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of F. Gillett, for the return of $5, amount overpaid for water rents for year 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Communication from John G. Fisher, Leonard J. Gordon and John Ramsey, a committee designated by several Grand Army Posts, requesting the Board of Finance to appropriate $2,500 for the purpose of erecting a pedestal or foundation for a monument proposed to be placed on the west lawn of the present Jersey City City Hall site, Chapter 73, Laws of 1897.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

Official bond of William Herche, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Hugh Coyle and John A. Vile as sureties.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following claims were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

John Buckingham, $120; W. W. Chilver, $26.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following resolutions were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and disposed of, as follows:—

1. Requesting the Board of Finance to set aside $10,000 for the purpose of liquidating claims for advertising on account of Chapters 217 and 289, Laws of 1895.

(Adopted June 28, 1897.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

2. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted June 28, 1897.)

Referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The following resolutions were also received from the same Board, and, on motion of Mr. Simpson, the same were referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to whether it would be legal for the Board of Finance to concur in the same, notwithstandidng the fact that the resolutions directing the Clerk of said Board of Street and Water Commissioners to advertise for proposals have never been presented to the Board of Finance for concurrence, as has been the practice in all previous cases where contracts for supplies, etc. (amounts to be paid out of water account), have been made.

3. Awarding to E. A. Dugan the contract for furnishing and delivering hay, feed, etc., at prices named in his proposal submitted to the Board June 21, 1897.

(Adopted June 28, 1897.)

4. Awarding to J. F. Underhill the contract for furnishing and delivering illuminating and lubricating oils, at prices named in his proposal submitted to this Board June 21, 1897.

(Adopted June 28, 1897.)

5. Awarding to Frank J. Hall the contract for furnishing and delivering fire brick, fire clay, etc., at prices named in his proposal submitted to this Board June 21, 1897.

(Adopted June 28, 1897.)

6. Awarding to William Logan the contract to furnish and deliver special castings, at prices named in his proposal submitted to this Board June 21, 1897.

(Adopted June 28, 1897.)

7. Awarding to William J. Coats the contract for furnishing and delivering lumber at prices named in his proposal, submitted to this Board June 21, 1897.

(Adopted June 28, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the following claim:—

$26 to W. W. Chilver for services as extra clerk in City Collector's office for the month of June, 1897.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1896-97.)

The report was received and the claim was ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred June 28, 1897, resolutions relative to the payment of the salary of Willard C. Fisk, who was appointed as Assistant Corporation Attorney by His Honor Mayor Hoos on May 26, 1897, verbally reported, through Mr. Bailey, chairman, recommending that the said resolutions be referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion thereon.

The report was received and the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each disposed of as follows:—

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $5 in favor of F. H. Spengeman, agent for T. Gillett, to return amount overcharged for water rents, year 1897, on Lots G, H, 19, 20, 21 and 22, a mistake having been made by the Water Department in adding up the items of the bill for said water rents; the total should have been $280.90 and not

$285.90, which later amount was paid June 18, 1897.

Adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions that the Board of Street and Water Commissioners did at one of their recent meetings pass the following pay rolls:—

Water Registrar, etc. (Water Department), for month of June, 1897, and extra clerks in Water Department for month of May, 1897, and that without submitting the resolutions, ordering paid said salaries, to the Board of Finance for its concurrence, the resolutions referred were presented to His Honor the Mayor for his approval, that His Honor the Mayor did approve the resolutions, notwithstanding the fact that they were never presented to the Board of Finance or concurred in, in consequence of which warrants for the several amounts on said payrolls were made out, signed by His Honor the Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and City Comptroller, and delivered to the parties to whom they were drawn; and

Whereas, This committee believes that, as all claims against the water account require the concurrence of the Board of Finance before they can be paid, and that fact is recognized by the transmission to this Board of all such claims by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, so also do the resolutions ordering paid the salaries of the employes of this city, which are chargeable to water account, require the concurrence of the Board of Finance;

Resolved, That the City Comptroller and City Treasurer be and they are hereby requested to withhold their signatures from all warrants to pay salaries, chargeable to water account, unless the resolutions ordering such salaries paid by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners shall have first been concurred in by the Board of Finance, unless the Corporation Counsel shall advise this Board that the said resolutions do not require the concurrence of the Board of Finance; and the Corporation Counsel is hereby requested to give his opinion in writing on the right of concurrence by this Board in the resolutions above mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, July 7, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the adjourned regular meeting, June 24, 1897; adjourned, June 28, 1897; special, June 30, 1897, and adjourned, July 2, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were each referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Petition of Frank J. Matthews, agent of J. E. Leonard, for the return of $30.50, duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897.

Petition of Conrad E. Beck, asking that he be allowed to pay additional water rents claimed for year 1896, without penalty and interest.

Official bond of Edward Craig as Constable in the sum of $1,000, with John Kelly and Philip Winckler as sureties.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication was received from John L. Keller, attorney of James S. Erwin:—

Jersey City, N. J., July 7, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance and Taxation, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Gentlemen—Mr. James S. Erwin some three years ago brought suit in the New Jersey Supreme Court against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for legal services rendered for the months of January, February and March, 1894, as Corporation Attorney of Jersey City, amounting to the sum of eight hundred and seventy-four dollars and ninety-eight cents. This matter has been in litigation during all this period, and seems to have reached its last stage in the decision of the Court of Errors and Appeals, made on June 29 last, ordering the case to be remitted to the Supreme Court to be proceeded with in accordance with the judgment of the Court of Errors and Appeals, a copy of whose opinion, written by Chief Justice Magie, is sent herewith for your inspection. The case has already had two trials before the Supreme Court held in Hudson County, and under the decision last aforesaid would now come up for the third trial, and in accordance with the above opinion judgment would doubtless in due course be rendered for the plaintiff against the defendant. Under the circumstances it seems unnecessary to go through this third trial formally, which would only mean additional delay and additional expense. As the attorney for Mr. Erwin, I therefore respectfully suggest and request that your Board pass a resolution authorizing the payment of this claim, to wit, as follows:—

To salary as above	$874 98
To interest from April 23, 1894.....	168 43
To disbursements as itemized in declaration..	35 24
To taxed costs	43 58
Total	$1,122 23

Yours respectfully,

JOHN L. KELLER,

Attorney of James S. Erwin.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel on motion of Mr. Simpson.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and recived and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

The Jersey City News, $30; John J. O'Hara, $13.85; Charles H. Dayton, $60, $40, $76.20 and $299.75.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Corporation Counsel:—

Jersey City, N. J., July 7, 1897.

Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of your communication of the 6th instant enclosing several resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, awarding contracts for supplies to be used during the current year, for hay, feed, special castings, lumber, fire brick, etc., requesting your Board to concur therein. You ask my advice as to the legality of such concurrence. Some days ago I sent an opinion to His Honor the Mayor covering to some extent your present inquiry, and I take the liberty of sending you a copy of that opinion. The question you ask is one relating rather to the time of concurrence than to the fact of concurrence. In my judgment the requirement of Section 9 of the Charter of 1874, which reads as follows:—"That hereafter no motion, resolution or order of the Board of Public Works providing for the making of any improvement, or the doing of any work, or procuring any material, or the purchase of any property, or the employment of any person whose compensation may exceed $1,000 per annum, or the payment of any sum exceeding $2,000, shall be of no force or effect unless the same is concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation," remains in force now, except so far as the same has been modified by the act of 1880, page 48, which gave the Board of Public Works the power to appoint the officers and agents of said Board and to fix their salaries without the concurrence of your Board. The Board of Street and Water Commissioners, by the acts of 1889 and 1891, succeeded the Board of Public Works and was vested with all the powers of that Board and other powers which were not originally vested in the old Board of Public Works. By the act of 1891 the provisions of the charter of Jersey City became applicable to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and their actions were sub-

ject to same limitations by way of concurrence of your Board, as the old Board of Public Works were. This act to which I refer appears to me to preserve to your Board its right of concurrence in the matters referred to in the ninth section of the act of 1874, to which I have already called your attention, among which acts is "the procuring of any material" or the "purchase of any property" by said Board of Street and Water Commissioners. The awarding of the contracts by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, as shown by the resolutions before me, is "the procuring of material" and is "the purchase of property," and binds the city to these bargains, so far as the Board of Street and Water Commissioners has the power to do so, and as under the law such contracts have no force without the concurrence of your Board, and as money has been expended in advertising the same, which money will be lost if your Board does not concur in the resolution awarding such contracts, it seems to me that the legal and proper procedure would be that your Board should first concur in the proposals and advertising for such material.

Very truly,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed on motion of Mr. Simpson.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted July 6, 1897.)

2. Awarding to William Williams the contract for the improvement of Boyd avenue, from Bergen avenue to Hudson Boulevard (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $4,575.40:

(Adopted July 6, 1897.)

3. Awarding to Henry Byrne the contract for the improvement of Summit avenue, from Sherman place to Laidlaw avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $8,586.23.

(Adopted July 6, 1897.)

4. Awarding to Henry Byrne the contract for the improvement of Boyd avenue, from Hudson Boulevard to West Side avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $5,271.

(Adopted July 6, 1897.)

5. Awarding to Edward W. Conlon the contract for the construction of sewers in Claremont avenue, Orient avenue, Morton place and Hudson Boulevard; the territory to be drained by said proposed sewers is bounded north by the N. & N. Y. Railroad, east by a line drawn parallel to Bergen avenue and distant about 125 feet west therefrom, south by Grant avenue, and west by West Side avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $7,929.30.

(Adopted July 6, 1897.)

The following preamble and resolution was also received from the same Board and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The necessity exists for the immediate repairing of the sewer in Steuben street, between Henderson and Warren streets; and

Whereas, The exigencies of the case are such that the beginning of such work should be immediately instituted; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this Board a sufficient emergency exists for the proceeding with such repairs without the delay incident to the advertising for proposals for the doing of the work.

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets and Sewers of this Board be and is hereby authorized to immediately proceed to repair said sewer between the points specified; and further

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be requested to set aside for the use of this Board the sum of $2,500 for the purpose indicated.

(Adopted July 6, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the bond of Edward Craig, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John Kelly and Philip Winckler as sureties, reported recommending that the bond of Edward Craig be approved, spread at large upon the bond book and filed.

The report was received and the recommendations therein contained were adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners July 6, 1897, to wit:—

Awarding the following contracts:—

To Henry Byrne, for the improvement of Summit avenue, from Sherman place to Laidlaw avenue.

To Edward W. Conlon, for the construction of sewers in Claremont avenue, Grant avenue, Orient avenue, Morton place and Hudson Boulevard, etc.

To William Williams, for the improvement of Boyd avenue, from Bergen avenue to Hudson Boulevard.

To Henry Byrne, for the improvement of Boyd avenue, from Hudson Boulevard to West Side avenue.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported adversely upon the petition of Conrad E. Beck, which petition was referred to said committee at this meeting.

The report was received and recommendation therein contained was adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$40 to Charles H. Dayton, for printing for City Collector.

$60 to Charles H. Dayton for printing copies of City Comptroller's report for use in manuals of Board of Finance.

$30 to the Jersey City News for printing manual slips, Board of Finance, pages 28 to 42.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the contract for printing and binding 500 copies of a Revised Edition of the Charter of Jersey City, for which work proposals were solicited by this Board, and received at its meeting held on June 16, 1897, be awarded to the Jersey City Printing Company, said company being the lowest bidders, price being $1,064 for printing and $360 for binding in full law sheep, with two labels on the back of each book; all work to be done according to specifications as printed in the advertisement soliciting proposals.

The report was received and the resolution therein contained was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, July 14, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolution was presented, received and adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Midlige on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and is hereby directed to change the assessed valuation on Lot Part 13 (also known as 13A), Block 767, No. 262, New York avenue, for year 1895-1896, from $1,000 to $250; the Board of Tax Commissioners having certified that the assessment of $1,000 is an error, and should have been the same as the previous year, no improvements having been placed upon the property for which any additional assessments could be laid.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, July 14, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of Allen L. McDermott, attorney of William D. Tallman with a transcript of judgment in case of Wiliam D. Tallman vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

Damages	$1,909 06
Costs on entry of judgment.....	42 72
Interest on judgment from December 24, 1896, to July 9, 1897..	63 35
Taxed costs, Court of Errors	23 07
Taxed costs, Supreme Court of Remittitur	4 94
Total	$2,043 14

Decision rendered by Court of Errors and Appeals June term, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from Vredenburg & Garretson, requesting the payment of judgment recovered in Supreme Court in case of Louis H. Broome vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; damages, $2,000; costs, $182.84; total, $2,182.84.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Homer W. Hedge, $15; Corbin & Corbin, $87.46, $150 and $716.68; the N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., $29.90, $3.20, $12.10, $83.67, $27.30 and 15 cents; Charles H. Dayton, $28.97.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Headquarters Fourth Regiment,
N. G., N. J.
Jersey City, July 12, 1897.

The Board of Finance, Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—On Saturday, July 17 inst., the regiment will proceed to Sea Girt, N. J., for one week's encampment. The honor of a marching salute has been tendered to His Honor the Mayor. I am directed by Lieutenant Colonel Robert G. Smith, commanding the regiment, to extend to the members of your Board an invitation to be present on that occasion. The regiment will arrive at the City Hall at about 1:15 P. M.

Very respectfully,
BENJ. M. GERARDIN,
Adjutant.

Received and accepted, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, July 10, 1897.

Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Herewith I attach a schedule showing the taxes standing on the books in this office on property known as the "South Cove" or "conditional grant," and which ought to be cancelled:

1884	$4,779 92
1885	14,600 00
1886	18,700 00
1887	14,400 00
1888	14,900 00
1889	14,000 00
1890	13,200 00
1891	14,200 00
1892	14,200 00
1893	13,750 00
1894	13,750 00
1895	13,750 00
1896	13,700 00
Total....	$173,929 92

Yours truly,
S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication was received from the Corporation Counsel and on motion of Mr. Simpson was ordered spread in full upon the minutes and ordered filed.

Jersey City, N. J., July 13, 1897.

To the Board of Finance of Jersey City, New Jersey.

Gentlemen—It appears from your communication to me of the 9th inst. that the Board of Street and Water Commissioners recently passed a resolution ordering payment of the salary of Water Registrar, Water Department, and of extra clerks in the Water Department, for the month of May, 1897, and subsequently sent such resolution directly to His Honor the Mayor requesting him to sign the same without submitting the same to your Board (Finance) for concurrence.

You ask my opinion as to the right of your Board to concur in the resolution before payments are made. By the 20th section of the act of 1874, the Board of Public Works was thereafter authorized to employ only the folowing clerks and assistants: One clerk, one permit clerk, one clerk who should act as clerk to committees, an inspector of sewers, an assessor of water rates, a tapper, a foreman of pipe layers, an assistant foreman of pipe layers.

The 21st section of said act directed that thereafter the number of assistants in the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Surveying should be limited to one clerk, not more than two surveyors, one assessment clerk, one draughtsman, one mechanical draughtsman, not more than two rodmen and not more than two chainmen.

The 23d section of said act enacted "that no clerk, officer or agent" other than those provided for in sections 20 and 21 (above quoted) of this act shall be appointed or employed by the Board of Public Works except by resolution of said Board, and a concurrent resolution of the Board of Finance and Taxation.

By the act of 1872 the Board of Public Works was authorized to appoint an officer to be styled "Registrar of the Water Works."

The power of the Board of Works to make appointments remained so fixed by the above act (1874) until the passage of that act of 1880, page 48. The first section of that act (1880) authorized the several municipal boards in the cities of this State to appoint and employ their "officers, agents and employes" respectively, "provided for by law" without the concurrence of any other municipal board.

The second section of said act (1880) made it lawful for each municipal board, Board of Public Works, or other city board in the several cities of this State to appoint and employ its appropriate "officers and agents" without the concurrence of any Board of Finance or other municipal board in such city. And the right of any one municipal board to concur in the appointment or employment or in the salary or compensation of the "officers and agents" of any other municipal board is hereby abolished and such concurrent action shall not be required.

This last act as I construe it simply gave the Board of Public Works the right to appoint and employ its "officers, agents and employes" as there provided for by law and to fix the salaries of its "officers and agents" without concurrence of the Board of Finance.

The "officers, agents and employes" of the Board of Public Works at the time of the passage of the act of 1880 were, the officers, agents, etc., especially named in the 20th and 21st sections of the act of 1874, above set forth in this communication, and the "Registrar of the Water Works," and to these persons only did this act extend the right of appointment and employment without the concurrence of your Board.

The 23d section of the act of 1874 which prohibits the appointment or employment by the Board of Public Works, of any other "clerk, officer or agent" other than those named in the 20th and 21st sections without the concurrence of your board remained unaffected by the act of 1880. The repealer to this act (1880) did not enlarge the powers of the Board of Public Works except so far as relates to the persons therein named as "provided for by law."

When, therefore, the act of 1889, page 87, was passed, the Board of Public Works had power, without the concurrence of your Board, to appoint and employ and fix the salaries of certain "officers and agents" thus "provided by law." The act of 1889 simply changed the name of the Board and continued the same powers it then had in the management of matters then strictly under the jurisdiction of the Board of Works.

The power given to the new Board (the present Board) of Street and Water Commissioners by the act of 1889, so far as relates to the present inquiry, is contained in section seven, which reads, in part, as follows:—"That said Board of Street and Water Commissioners shall have power to employ or appoint, from time to time, such engineers, surveyors, clerks and other persons to aid them in the execution of this act as they may deem necessary, or as may be authorized or required by law, for such city and to fix their compensation."

The act of 1889 contains a general repealer of all inconsistent acts.

The appointing power of the Street and Water Board as shown by this last clause seems to be controlled by the words "as may be authorized, or required by law for such city," and is therefore in that respect no broader than the act of 1880, and leaves the act of 1874 still intact, with the power of concurrence in the Board of Finance in all appointments except those "provided for by law" or "required by law for such city."

We now come to the act of 1891, and if my construction of the law bearing on the subject of your inquiry is correct, your Board had at that time all the power of concurrence, in the appointments of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners given to it, by the act of 1874, limited only by the act of 1880, as above set out.

The Act of 1891 reads as follows:—

"* * * that such Board shall be fully authorized and empowered to select, appoint and employ, from time to time, a clerk of the Board, a chief engineer, civil and mechanical engineers, superintendents, city or other surveyors, street commissioners or superintendents, inspectors, supervisors, officers, clerks and any other persons and employes to aid such Board in the execution of this act, and in the discharge of the duties of the office of such Commissioners and the carrying out and performance of the work and labor of the public works or municipal departments or affairs of such city, which by the provisions of the act are placed or intended to be placed under the government, control and management of such Board, or as may be required by law therein or thereabouts, and as the public interests therein may from time to time require, or as such Board may deem necessary and proper; and such Board shall fix the compensation or salary to be paid such officers and employes, and the manner of payment thereof, within such limitation as to amount as may be fixed by law in any such city," and seems intended to enlarge the powers of the Street and Water Board in the matter of making appointments, and fixing the compensation, and

the language used might well be so construed but for the effect of a subsequent section of this act.

The twenty-second section of this act (1891) contains this limiting clause:—

"That whenever there shall now or hereafter exist in any city of the first-class, any limitation on the powers transferred by this act to said Board of Street and Water Commissioners, by requiring a concurrence of any separate Board or municipal officer, other than said Board of Common Council, Board of Aldermen, Board of Street and Water Commissioners or Street Commissioners, that this act shall not be construed as dispensing with such concurrence."

This clause in very clear and positive language continues to your Board all the powers of concurrence it had after the passage of the act of 1880.

There is no repealer in the act of 1891, and there is nothing in it legally inconsistent with the exercise of the powers of concurrence of your Board, in the matters referred to in the resolution sent to me.

I advise you that your Board has the power and right of concurrence in the following cases:—

(1.) In every motion, resolution or order of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners providing for the making of any improvement or the doing of any work, or the procuring of any material, or the purchase of any property, or the employment of any person whose compensation exceeds $1,000 per annum (except those officers and agents provided for by law, as expressed in the act of 1880) or for the payment of any sum of money exceeding $2,000.

(2.) In the appointment and employment and in the fixing of salaries or compensation of all officers, agents or employes of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, except those enumerated in the act of 1874 (Sections 21 and 22), the "Registrar of Water Works" and such other officers, if any, as are "provided for by law" in the employment and salaries of the officers and agents thus indicated, your Board has no concurrence or voice, unless such salaries exceed the limit of the appropriations. I think your Board should concur in the payment of all payrolls and salaries, even though it has no voice in fixing the salary.

(3). Your Board has no concurrence in the action of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners in the use and disbursement of the license moneys, after the same have been set apart and appropriated by your Board as required by law.

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

From the Corporation Counsel:—

Jersey City, July 13, 1897.

To the Board of Finance, Jersey City, New Jersey:—

Gentlemen—I am in receipt of a resolution of your Board reciting the appointment of Mr. Willard C. Fisk as Assistant Corporation Attorney and resolving that a warrant be drawn to pay his salary for the month of May and that a temporary loan bond be issued for $750 to raise the necessary money to pay his salary until December 1 next, the beginning of the next fiscal year.

The law requires that the salary of this officer shall be paid by your Board in the manner now or hereafter provided for the payment of the salaries of other city officers therein.

The manner of paying the salaries of other city officers so far as your Board is concerned is by appropriation made in July to be used on and after the following December. In this instance you propose to borrow money on bond to pay the salary of this officer from May 26 to December 1 of the present year.

This is not the "manner now provided for the payment of the salaries of city officials." The law of 1897, page 148, chapter 70, enacts that the salary account for any department of the government of any city shall not exceed the amount fixed in the tax levy for that department for any year.

Your resolution, if carried out, will exceed the amount fixed in the tax levy for the current year for the finance department of the government. For these reasons I feel obliged to disapprove the resolution. There are no legal objections to your providing for the payment of the salary of this officer from and after December 1 next, putting the necessary amount in the tax levy you are now preparing.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

A communication was received from His Honor the Mayor relative to items contained in a statement of the financial condition of this city furnished by the City Comptroller at the request of the Mayor, which statement he also submitted, and also upon other subjects.

Accompanying the communication was also a letter from the City Comptroller in explanation of his financial statement.

The communication from the City Comptroller is as follows:—

Jersey City, July 1, 1897.

Hon Edward Hoos, Mayor:—

Dear Sir—In reply to your letter of May 7 I respectfully submit the following statement:—

First—The gross amount of the city debt December 1, 1892 (excepting water debt), amounted to $13,620,220.73, as shown in Exhibit A. The bonded water debt on December 1, 1892 (Exhibit B) was $5,136,000.

Second—The gross debt of the city December 1, 1896 (excepting water debt),

amounted to $14,398,137.96 (Exhibit C), and the bonded water debt at same date $5,136,000 (Exhibit D).

Third—The amount of taxes and assessments due and unpaid December 1, 1892, amounted to $5,426,874.40, as given in Exhibit E.

Fourth—The taxes and assessments due and unpaid December 1, 1896, by Exhibit F amounted to $5,744,930.96.

Fifth—The amount of taxes and assessments levied prior to December 1, 1892, adjusted under the Martin Act and collected during the five years ending May 1, 1897, was $2,254,087.87 (Exhibit G).

Sixth—The cash in the several sinking funds of Jersey City on May 1, 1897, as shown in Exhibit H, amounted to $45,350.01.

Seventh—The monies collected (excepting $29,401.64 undivided) under the Martin Act, during the five years ending May 1, 1897, of taxes and assessments levied prior to December 1, 1892, were distributed as follows:—

To sinking funds known as:—

Fund of 1873	$68,749 64
Tax Arrearage Fund	854,417 32
Arrearage Fund, 1888	161,403 66
Arrearage Fund, 1889	184,833 67
Arrearage Fund, 1890	203,728 54
Arrearage Fund, 1891	219,993 04
To General Account	38,351 61
To Assessment Account	493,208 75

To show the possible uses to which the money so distributed may have been put it is necessary not only to show the disbursements of the several sinking funds or accounts, but also the receipts from other sources to produce sufficient to account for the total disbursements of the several funds or accounts during the period asked for. In order to comply as nearly as possible with your request in this matter I have compiled the receipts and disbursements of the several accounts into which the Martin Act collections, asked for, have gone. As to the specific disbursements of said collections I cannot state. Exhibit I shows the disbursements of the several accounts.

Eighth—The cost of improvements made in five years ending May 1, 1897, was $1,285,926.33. The amount of benefits assessed on improvements confirmed during the same period was $766,274.44.

The amount of assessments collected during the period was $415,888.98. The outstanding indebtedness on account of street improvements, consisting of improvement certificates on May 1, 1897, was $652,260.30. All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the communication from His Honor the Mayor and papers accompanying same were received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

A further communication was received from His Honor the Mayor, enclosing a communication from Mr. Allan L. McDermott, presenting a way in which it is possible to secure to the city an increased apportionment of the railroad and canal taxes levied this year, His Honor the Mayor suggesting that immediate action be taken.

The communication was received and referred to the Committee of the Whole, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Appointing C. C. Vermeule and Garwood Ferris as expert hydraulic engineers to prepare specifications, etc., and fixing their compensation at $1,500 each, and directing Clerk of Board to advertise for proposals.

(Adopted July 12, 1897.)

2. Awarding to W. W. Farrier, the contract to furnish and deliver stop cocks, metres, lead and solder, at prices named in his proposal, submitted to this Board, July 6, 1897.

(Adopted July 12, 1897.)

3. Awarding to W. W. Farrier, the contract to furnish and deliver hydrants, valves, special gates and half sleeves, at prices named in his proposal, submitted to this Board, July 6, 1897.

(Adopted July 12, 1897.)

4. Awarding to John W. Sweeney, the contract to furnish and deliver coal, coke and wood, at prices named in his proposal, submitted to this Board, July 6, 1897.

(Adopted July 12, 1897.)

5. Awarding to the N. Y. Lubricating Oil Co., the contract to furnish and deliver white lead, paint, oils, varnish, etc., at prices named in their proposal submitted to this Board, July 6, 1897.

(Adopted July 12, 1897.)

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted July 12, 1897.)

The following resolution was also received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Requesting the Board of Finance to appropriate $787.57 for the repairs to building occupied by the Overseer of the Poor.

(Adopted July 12, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners July 12, 1897, to wit:—

"Resolved, That C. C. Vermeule and Garwood Ferris be and are hereby appointed as expert hydraulic engineers, to prepare specifications, etc., for the se-

curing of a new permanent water supply for this city; and that when such plans and specifications shall have been adopted, concurred in, approved and ordered filed, the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to advertise for proposals in conformity therewith, and to advertise in such manner that a period of six weeks shall elapse between the first insertion of such advertisement and the reception of proposals; and

Resolved, That the compensation to be paid to said expert hydraulic engineers for the drawing and preparing of said specifications, etc., and for the acting in an advisory capacity to the city authorities prior to and subsequent to the reception of proposals as aforesaid and until a contract may be awarded and entered into, is hereby fixed at $1,500 each.

The report was received and the resolution was concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, to wit:—

"Ordering paid the following claims."

June 21, 1897—Charles H. Dayton, $209.76; L. W. Spitznagel, $35; T. C. Dunham, $38.06; Charles L. Davis, $12; United Gas Improvement Co., $9.15, $1.95 and $4.35; A. E. Nolan, $37.85 and $29.50; W. H. Maze, $8.90; Charles F. Heisinger, $46.50; John Comer, $191; The Fairbanks Co., $24.04; Theo. Smith & Bro., $118.32; J. Schellenberger, $2.40; Gibson, Collins & Co., $8 and $39; John Comer, $64.

June 28, 1897—Gilson, Collins & Co., $28; A. E. Nolan, $40 and $8.60; Jeremiah Roberts, $5; J. C. Harness Co., $10.25; John Craig, $90; C. E. Cassidy, $47.03.

July 6, 1897—A. E. Nolan, $19.75 and 85c.; Merritt and Chapman Derrick and Wrecking Co., $294; W. H. Maze, $13.25, $3.50, $5.75, $41.02, $6, $10.50, 80c., $38.56, $9.25, $3.65, $8 and $3.25; Richard Jackson, $8; C. C. Vermeule, $359.71.

July 12, 1897—J. D. O'Hearn, $125; Charles Both, $520; L. S. Hubbard, $260; William J. Altherr, $208; Daniel Smith, $19.50; C. E. Cassidy, $9.25; Lizzie Woodcock, $82.20; L. Collet, $65; James Lyons, $222.31.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$229.16 to The Evening Journal for publishing official minutes in July, 1897.

(Chargeable to account "Publishing Minutes.")

The report was received and the claim was ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes.President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$120 to John Buckingham, for services as expert, suit of Kiernan vs. City Hall Commissioners of Jersey City.

$28.97 to Charles H. Dayton, for printing and stationery for City Collector.

$76.20 to Charles H. Dayton, for stationery and printing furnished to City Treasurer.

$13.85 to John J. O'Hara, for stationery for Board of Finance.

(Chargeable to account claims 1896-1897.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, July 21, 1897, at one o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented, received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the sum of $7,500 be and the same is hereby appropriated and set aside to the credit of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, out of the one-half of license monies available for the repaving, repairing and improving of paved streets and public places, and reconstruction of sewers, as provided by Chapter 134 of the Laws of 1897, for the purposes as aforesaid, to be expended as follows:—

$5,000 for services of foreman and laborers on paved streets, etc.

$2,500 to pay for emergency reconstruction of Steuben street sewer—appropriation having been requested by resolution of the Board of Street and Water Com-

missioners, passed at its meeting held July 6, 1897.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, in the sum of $7,500, to transfer said amount from account "License Receipts" for year July 1, 1897, to June 30, 1898, to the credit of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, for the purposes as aforesaid.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, At the sale of property for taxes under the "Martin Act," April 16, 1897, John Edelstein purchased lot C, block 314, Second street, and paid the sum of $621.33; and

Whereas, On the 17th day of June, 1897, the owner, Catherine Hencken, paid to the City Collector (who inadvertently received the same) the full amount of the adjusted claims, with interest to date of payment (June 17, 1897), so that the city has been twice paid for the liens against the property above mentioned; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $621.33 in favor of John Edelstein to return amount paid to City Collector at sale held April 16, 1897, to purchase Lot C, Block 314, Second street, sold at said sale for unpaid taxes, etc.; and further

Resolved, That the record of sale on April 16, 1897, by the City Collector of Lot C, Block 314, Second street, be and the same is hereby ordered cancelled, the purchaser, Mr. John Edelstein, having consented to such cancellation.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in payment of salaries of members of the Board of Finance, as follows:—

Henry Brautigam, from April 24, 1897, to July 23, 1897 (both inclusive, three months, $125.

Henry L. Kellers, from April 24, 1897, to July 23, 1897 (both inclusive, three months, $125.

James S. Bailey, from April 24, 1897, to July 23, 1897 (both inclusive, three months, $125.

Jacob J. Detwiller, from April 24, 1897, to April 30, 1897 (both inclusive), 7 days, $9.72.

Reuben Simpson, from May 1, 1897, to July 23, 1897 (both inclusive), $114.24.

William F. Midlige, for May, June and July, 1897, three months, $125.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Corbin & Corbin, attorneys, for $3,315.95, to pay judgment and cost of suit of the Michigan Brass and Iron Works against The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, recovered in the United States Circuit Court, and that said amount be paid out of "water account"; and further

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed not to deliver the above mentioned warrant until a proper satisfaction piece shall have first been filed in his office.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Frank J. Mathews, agent for J. E. Leonard, for $30.50, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897, on Lots 18 and 19, Block 216, Pavonia avenue, paid June 29, 1897, being duplicate of payment made June 18, 1897.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance, was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Wednesday, July 21 1897, at one o'clock P. M.

Present at roll call—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Midlige—1.

Mr. Midlige subsequently appeared and took his seat.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of regular meeting, July 7, 1897, and adjourned meeting, July 14, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form on motion of Mr. Simpson.

Mr. Midlige here appeared and took his seat.

The President here announced that the next business would be to receive proposals for $100,000 4 per cent. Public School Bonds, ordered issued by resolution of this Board, May 1, 1897, and said bids called for through circular issued by the City Comptroller.

Seven (7) bids were received, each bid being accompanied by a certified check of $2,000, as required by said circular. The following are the bids:—

Boston, Mass., July 21, 1897.

George R. Hough, City comptroller, Jersey City, N J.

Dear Sir—In accordance with your advertisement for bids on $100,000 of 4% School Bonds, we offer 102.348 and interest.

Bonds to be legally and regularly issued and certified transcript of the proceedings fully evidencing same satisfactorily to our attorney are to be furnished us prior to delivery.

Enclosed find check for $2,000, being two per cent. of bonds bid for.

Very truly yours,
E. C. STANWOOD & CO.,
Boston, Mass.
By H. I. HAHN, Agt.

New York, July 21, 1897.

George R. Hough, Esq., City Comptroller, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—Referring to your circular asking for proposals for bonds, we will give 102.27 and accrued interest for $100,000 of the Public School Bonds (coupon bonds), principal and interest payable in gold coin of the United States of America, and to bear interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum. Principal due August 2, 1927.

We enclose herewith our certified check to the order of the City Treasurer of Jersey City for 2 per cent. of the par value of the bonds bid for.

Very truly yours,
BLAKE BROTHERS & CO.

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33 Wall street,
New York, July 21st, 1897.

Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sirs—For the one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars of Jersey City four (4) per cent. Public School Gold Bonds sold this day in accordance with your advertisement, we will give one hundred and two thousand, one hundred and sixty-two ($102,162) dollars and accrued interest.

We hand you herewith our certified check, as required, to the order of the City Treasurer of Jersey City, for two (2) per cent. of the value of the bonds bid for. We are, dear sirs,

Yours faithfully,
BLAIR & CO.

New York, July 21st, 1897.

Chairman Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the $100,000 Public School Bonds, dated August 2d, 1897, and maturing August 2d, 1927, without option of prior payment, with principal and interest payable in gold coin of the U. S. A. of the present standard of weight and fineness, semi-annually, February and August 1st, at the rate of 4% per annum, we will pay 101 78-100 and accrued interest; you agreeing to furnish us usual papers satisfactorily evidencing to our attorneys legality of issue prior to payment for said bonds.

We enclose herewith our certified check to the order of the City Treasurer, for two thousand dollars ($2,000), being two per cent of amount bid for.

Yours very truly,
N. W. HARRIS & CO.

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35 Congress street, Boston,
July 20th, 1897.

Mr. George R. Hough, City Comptroller, Jersey City, New Jersey.

Dear Sir.—Referring to a circular of Jersey City, inviting proposals for bonds, we will give one hundred and one and five hundred ninety-six thousandths (101.596) and accrued interest for one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars, Jersey City Coupon Bonds, dated August 2d, 1897, said bonds to be payable thirty years from date, with interest at 4% per annum, payable semi-annually; both principal and interest payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness.

We enclose herewith our certified check on the Shawmut National Bank, Boston, for $2,000, to conform with the requirements of the proposal. The above bid is made with the understanding that the bonds are legally issued.

Yours truly,
ESTABROOK & CO.

Boston, July 20, 1897.

Mr. George R. Hough, City Comptroller, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the $100,000 City of Jersey City, New Jersey, 4% coupon School Bonds, dated August 2, 1897, payable thirty years from date of issue without option of

previous redemption; principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness; denomination $1,000, we will pay you 100.538 and accrued interest (equivalent to 1.005.38 and accrued interest for each $1,000 in bonds).

We enclose certified check for $2,000.

The usual papers evidencing the legality of the issue satisfactorily to our attorneys to be furnished us prior to payment for and delivery of the bonds.

If our bid is successful, kindly wire us to that effect, and in any event please send us a list of bids and bidders.

Yours very truly,

E. H. ROLLINS & SONS.

Boston, July 20, 1897.

To the Clerk of the Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the $100,000 City of Jersey City 4% Public School Coupon Bonds, to be dated August 2, 1897, and payable August 2, 1927, principal and semi-annual interest to be payable in gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, we will give par and a premium of three hundred and twenty-three thousandths per cent. (100.323%), that is to say, at the rate of ten hundred and three dollars and twenty-three cents ($1,003.23) for each $1,000 bond.

Accrued interest to day of delivery, if any, is to be added to the above bid, which is made subject to the satisfaction of our attorneys, Messrs. Story & Thorndike, that the bonds are legally and regularly issued in all respects.

To comply with the terms of your circular, inviting proposals, we enclose herewith check on National Bank of Republic, Boston, duly certified, for $2,000.

Kindly advise us result of sale, with list of bids and bidders, returning our check if we are not awarded the bonds.

Yours respectfully,

BLODGET, MERRITT & CO.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the bids were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then took a recess.

Upon the reassembling of the Board all the members were present, five (5) in number.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Under advertisement for proposals for $100,000 4% Public School Bonds (coupon bonds), proposals were received this 21st day of July, 1897, E. C. Stanwood & Co. being the highest bidders; therefore

Resolved, That the proposal of E. C. Stanwood & Co. this day received, at the rate of 102,348 for the whole issue of $100,000, 4% Public School Bonds, directed to be issued by this Board May 1st, 1897, be and the same is hereby accepted;

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to deliver said bonds August 9th, 1897 (bonds bearing date August 2d, 1897), under the direction of the Committee on Finance of this Board, upon payment to the City Treasurer of the amount bid as aforesaid, the check for $2,000, this day received, to be credited on account.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to return to the following bidders for $100,000, 4% Public School Bonds, their certified checks which accompanied their bids presented this day:—E. H. Rollins Sons, Blake Bros. & Co., N. W. Harris & Co. Blair & Co., Blodget, Merritt & Co., Estabrook & Co.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Wednesday, July 21, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—Mr. Simpson—1.

Absent — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Midlige—4.

Less than a quorum being present the Board adjourned to Monday, July 26, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Monday, July 26, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of adjourned meeting, July 21, 1897, at one o'clock P. M., and regular meeting July 21, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M., were approved as printed in manual form, on motion of Mr. Kellers.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were each referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims:

Petition of Annie M. Coghill for the return of $263.03, surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Petition of Frederick Klein for the return of $75, surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Petition of H. T. Nugent, agent for Kate M. Warren, for the return of $7.85, for duplicate payment of water rents for 1897, on Lot R, Block 290, paid May 14, 1897, and June 24, 1897.

Petition of Frank Mitchell for the return of $38.65, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897, on Lot 11, Block 387, paid June 24, 1897, and June 24, 1897.

Petition of John Geiger, for the return of $10 for error made by Water Department in charging for (beer pump) water rents for year 1897, plot 17, block 634, paid July 15, 1897.

Petition of James F. Gannon, agent for A. C. Perry, for the return of $18.75, for duplicate payment of water rents of year 1897, on lot N, block 309, paid May 6, 1897, and July 9, 1897.

Petition of the Real Estate Trusts Company, agent for T. Johns, for the return of $10 for overpayment of water rents of year 1897, on lots D and C, block 38, paid May 14, 1897; bill paid was for $28.30; should have been $18.30.

The following petition was also presented and received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Petiton of Christina Peterson, for correction of certain valuation on property assessed for taxes, year 1896-97.

A mechanic's lien was presented by Dickinson, Thompson & McMasters, attorneys for Wood & Menagh, and notifying this Board that notices required by the mechanics' lien act were duly served upon the various city officials on April 19, 1897, and requesting payment of same from monies due St. Louis Art Metal Company.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Official bond of Daniel B. Gilligan, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John Cassidy and Arsenio Costa, as sureties.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from Vile & Son, referring to the bid of E. A. Dugan for hay, feed, etc., etc., presented to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and now before the Board of Finance for concurernce.

Ordered filed.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

J. Herbert Potts, $204; Frank J. Higgins, $136; James F. Norton, $140; James Gaykema, $44; Henry Gaykema, $34.50; Postal Tel. Cable Co., $3.85, $3.85 and $1.60; Corbin & Corbin, $26.50; Albert Payne, $66.66; George P. Bullis, $8; Naar, Day & Naar, $49; Edward H. Hoos, $3.60; L. H. Broome, $307.50; James Atchison, $8.10; the Mathews Northrop Co., $2.50; J. M. Startup, $83.33; Frank Meyer, $26; Randolph Perkins, $109.25; Hamilton A. Lush, $70; Isaac Van Saun, $50; The Jersey City News, $18 and $229.16.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, July 20, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen:—This is to certify that I have received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for collection in my office the following assessment maps:—

Sewer, Sherman place, from 195 feet west of Summit avenue to Sanford place, $2,037.30.

Improvement Winfield avenue, from Garfield to Avenue E, $2,345.90.

Sewer Pavonia avenue, from land Penn. R. R. Co. to West Side avenue, $4.200.

Sewer, Clark avenue, from 90 feet west of West Side avenue to Mallory avenue, &c., $2,260.38.

Main sewer, Woodlawn District of Greenville, $28,003.03.

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Order filed.

From the City Collector:—

Communication advising the cancellation of the assessment for main sewer in Woodlawn District of Greenville, Jersey City, against Lot S, Block 1,466, Garfield avenue, said property having been bought by the city for park site, before confirmation of said assessment.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., July 15, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I desire to inform your honorable Board that I have this day appointed James M. Collins, Clerk to the Mayor, in place of Edward T. Morgan, resigned, by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of and otherwise concerning the Mayors of all 'cities of the first class,' that have a population within their territorial limits exceedings one hundred thousand inhabi-

tants," approved April 19, A. D. 1889.

Very respectfully yours,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Received and ordered filed, and the name of James M. Collins was ordered placed upon the payroll.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., July 26, 1897.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—I herewith return the certificate that two resolutions purporting to have been adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners were concurred in by your Honorable Board of July 14 inst. I have no official information that the Board of Street and Water Commissioners passed these resolutions. In other words, there is not in my office, nor has there been presented to me, any record showing any action in this matter by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners. Resolutions adopted by that Board should be sent to the Mayor for his action. If I aprove the resolution which you have presented to me, my approvall wil only be of your concurrence. I therefore respectfully return this resolution without my approval, and suggest that the proper procedure would be that ordinarily adopted in legislation; your Board communicating the fact of concurrence to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and that Board presenting to me, for official action, the original resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Laid on the table until the next regular meeting.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., July 26th, 1897.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—In the work of fixing the tax levy for 1897-8, you may be aided by comparisons. It is to be hoped that in your deliberations you will not be content to accept the assertions of a partisan press that, during the five years last past the cost of governing Jersey City has been reduced, less such acceptance lead you to believe that retrenchment is impracticable. These five years were the most expensive in the history of our city government. By a comparison of the budget of 1891-2 with the budget of 1896-7, it will be found that the salary list of this city (exclusive of the water department) has been increased by a figure that not only repels all claims of economical administration, but could have been reached only by extravagance. In plain figures, the salary list of this city (exclusive of the water department) for the present fiscal year is over one hundred and sixty thousand dollars more than the salary list for the same departments during the last year of the administration of Mayor Cleveland. In the same period the cost of cleaning streets and removing garbage has increased but $10,000; the cost of cleaning sewers and receiving basins has increased but $750; the cost of repairs to unpaved streets has increased but $2,000; the cost of street lighting but $18,-800; the cost of relief to out-door poor has increased but $600; the cost of elections has decreased $2,000; the cost of hospitals and dispensaries has increased but $2,000; the allowance for books and stationery has increased but $3,000. Why, then, should the salary list have increased over one hundred and sixty thousand dollars?

If your Board cannot find a reasonable answer to support this increase and I venture to say that you cannot, it is your duty to retrench. If it is objected that legislation has rendered retrenchment difficult, the excuse will not be satisfactory until every effort has been made to avoid the burden of statutes which unnecessarily increase our tax rate. It is time that the Legislature was taught to leave absolutely to the municipal government of Jersey City every question of whom it should employ and what salaries should be paid. The days of special legislation never brought to this city greater burdens than are found in the acts passed under the guise of classification of cities, and as these statutes are all of doubtful constitutionality, it will be good policy to insist upon the adjudication of the highest court before imposing unmvited burdens upon the city.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Ordering paid the salaries of Water Registrar, etc., in the Water Department, for the month of July, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $2,893.31.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid salaries of laborers on metres, for the month of July, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $540.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the salaries of employes laying and repairing water pipe in the Water Department, for the month of June, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $3.162.74.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

4. "That ninety thousand, two hundred sixty-five 20-100 dollars ($90,265.20), be paid to the East Jersey Water Company, in full for water delivered, March 28 to June 30, inclusive, at a total of 2,439.6 million gallons, at $37 per million.

This payment being made in accordance with terms of contracts heretofore en-

tered into with said company."

Charge water account P. & R.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

5. Fixing the salary of Assistant to Permit Clerk of this Board, appointed this day (Edward F. McCarty) at $100 per month.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

The following resolution was received from the same Board and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

"Authorizing the Water Registrar to cancel of record, arrearages of water rents appearing against Block 728, Lot F, in the name of Sophia Baylor, for 1891, 1892 and 1893, $20.30 for each year, water on said premises having been cut off.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

The following resolution was also received from the same Board and disposed of as follows:—

"Accepting $7,500 as a whole without regard to uses or purposes designated.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

Ordered filed on motion of Mr. Simpson.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance to whom was referred the bond of Daniel B. Gilligan, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John Cassidy and Arsinio Costa, as sureties, reported recommending that the bond of Daniel B. Gilligan, be approved, spread at large upon the bond book and filed.

The report was received and the recommendations therein contained were adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Authorizing the Water Registrar to cancel of record arrearages of water rents appearing against block 728, lot F, No. 129 Grant avenue, in the name of Sophia Baylor, for 1891, 1892 and 1893, $20.30 for each year, water on said premises having been cut off.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

2. "That ninety thousand, two hundred sixty-five and 20-100 dollars ($90,265.20) be paid to the East Jersey Water Company, in full for water delivered March 28 to June 30, inclusive, a total of 2439.6 million gallons at $37 per million. This payment being made in accordance with terms of contracts heretofore entered into with said company."

Charge water account, P. & R.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

3. "Awarding the following contracts":

To J. F. Underhill to furnish and deliver illuminating oil, etc.

To Frank J. Hall to furnish and deliver fire brick, etc.

To William Logan, to furnish and deliver special castings.

(Adopted June 28, 1897.)

To the N. Y. Lubricating Oil Co. to furnish and deliver white lead, etc.

To W. W. Farrier to furnish and deliver hydrants, etc.

To W. W. Farrier to furnish and deliver stop cocks, etc.

(Adopted July 12, 1897.)

4. "Ordering paid the following salaries for the month of July, 1897, as per payroll":—

Water Registrar, etc., $2,893.31.

Laborers on meters, $540.

Laying and repairing pipe for month of June, 1897, $3,162.74.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

5. "Ordering paid the following claims":—

July 19, 1897.—Charles B. Brush & Co., $50; Otto Bahr, $35.82; The Evening Journal Association, $130 and $38.50; Thomas Holmes, $25.31; The Jersey City News, $39.60, $33 and $20; James Muldoon, $42.27; A. E. Nolan, $26.70 and $16.50; Patrick Sherry, $24; Theo. Smith and Bro., $49.70 and $9.02; United Gas Improvement Co., $10.20, $4.20 and $2.40; F. P. Woodcock, $16.75.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby non-concurs in the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners:—

"Awarding the following contracts":—

To E. A. Dugan, to furnish and deliver hay, feed, etc.

To Wm. J. Coats, to furnish and deliver lumber.

(Adopted June 28, 1897.)

To John W. Sweeney to furnish and deliver coal, coke and wood.

(Adopted July 12, 1897.)

The report was received and the resolution to non-concur was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—Mr. Midlige—1.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$83.33 to J. M. Startup for services as

extra clerk in City Collector's office for July, 1897, when due.

$109.25 to Randolph Perkins, for drawing deeds and assignments and taking acknowledgments thereon in certain sale numbers, bill of July 17, 1897.

$50 to Isaac Van Saun for services as temporary clerk in City Comptroller's office for July, 1897, when due.

$18 to the Jersey City News for printing certificates of sale blanks, for City Comptroller.

(Chargeable to account "Martin Act.")

$229.16 to the Jersey City News for publishing official minutes in July, 1897.

(Charge account publishing minutes.)

$70 to Hamilton A. Lush for services as assistant to Clerk of First District Court, for July, 1897, when due.

$26 to Frank Meyer for services as Marshal, First District Court, for June, 1897.

(Chargeable to account District Court fees.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering paid the salaries of Mayor and others for the month of June, 1897, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $4,691.64.

The report was received and the recommendations therein contained were adopted, and the payroll as therein named was passed by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$2.50 to the Mathews-Northrop Co. for mounted map of Jersey City and environs.

$299.75 to Charles H. Dayton for 1,000 copies of annual report of City Comptroller, for fiscal year ending December 1, 1896.

$8.10 to James Atchison for furnishing and binding copies of session laws of 1897.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Friday, July 30, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library of Jersey City, proposes to purchase out of the funds in their hands, certain real estate on Jersey avenue, being property now or formerly of Samuel Pearson, and adjoining on the south the premises recently occupied by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of this city, which property is known as No. 484 Jersey avenue, and as Lot B, in Block 271, on the Jersey City map, and desire the concurrence of this Board in the said purchase; therefore

Resolved, That the concurrence and assent of this Board in and to the purchase of the said property by said Trustees be and the same are hereby given.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Application having been made to this Board on May 10, 1897, in behalf of Nicholas Vreeland for authority to be given to the City Collector to receive from said Vreeland or others, owners of property, street Nos. 35 and 37 Grand street, Jersey City, the arrears of taxes upon the said property, as the same have been reduced by the State Board of Taxation, with interest at six per cent.

And the City Counsel having advised this Board that in his opinion the said owners are entitled to pay the said tax as reduced by the State Board of Taxation with interest at six per cent.

Resolved, That the City Collector is hereby authorized to receive the following taxes, with interest at six per cent., against Lots 3 and 1, Block 36, Nos. 37 and 35 Grand street:—For year 1893, $137.50; for year 1894, $137.50.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to be deposited to the credit of August, 1897, interest, as follows:—

On General Account.....	$45,886 66
On Water Account.....	14,625 00
Total	$60,511 66

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $20,000, on account of county taxes of 1896.

Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That upon the reports of the Corporation Counsel and City Coomptroller, endorsed upon the petition of Frederick Klein, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Frederick Klein, for $75, for amount of surplus realized upon tax sale, under Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1886, and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector on April 14, 1897, of lot 51, block 590-2023, Pacific avenue, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, cost and disbursements.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Section 5, Chapter 289, Laws of 1895, temporary loan bonds to the amount of $824.50 be and the same are hereby authorized to be issued; said bonds to be payable on demand, with interest at the rate of 4% per annum; the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be used for the payment of certain awards for damages sustained in the widening and improving of Runyon avenue, between Hudson Boulevard and Morris Canal, conformably with the provisions of the Chapter and Laws above mentioned.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Section 5, Chapter 289, Laws of 1895, temporary loan bonds to the amount of $4,231.10 be and the same are hereby authorized to be issued, said bonds to be payable on demand, with the interest at the rate of 4 % per annum, the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be used for the payment of certain awards for damages sustained in the widening and improving of Pearsall avenue, between Hudson Boulevard and Morris Canal, conformably with the provisions of the chapter and laws above mentioned.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Frank C. O'Reilly, during the months of March, April and May, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, furnished crushed stone to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of Jersey City, which stone was used in the repairing of Garfield avenue, and was purchased without complying with the requirements of the law requiring advertisement therefor; and

Whereas, This Board is satisfied that such repairs have been made;

Resolved, That the sum of five thousand eight hundred and seventy-one dollars and sixty-seven cents ($5,871.67) be appropriated by this Board to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of Jersey City for the payment of said claims, said appropriations to be made from the monies available from and after the first of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven in this city, out of the license fund for the repair of paved streets.

This appropriation being made in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 149 of the Laws of 1897.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Mary Park for $60, to return the following water rents paid April 3, 1895 (as adjusted), and erroneously assessed against Lot J, Block 123, No. 569 Bergen avenue:—

For year 1887, asessed for bar purposes	$10 00
For year, 1888, assessed for bar purposes	10 00
For year 1889, assessed for bar purposes	10 00
For year 1890, assessed for laundry purposes	15 00
For year 1891, assessed for laundry purposes	15 00
Total	$60 00

the Water Assesor having certified that upon inquiry made by him he is satisfied that the above assessments were erroneously made.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of he Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, The valuation on Lot 14, Block 1,312, Bidwell avenue, for the year 1896, through inadvertance of the Tax Assessor, was fixed at $1,800, said valuation being on one house and lot, when, at the time of making the assessment for taxes, the property consisted only of a vacant lot; therefore

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to reduce the valuation for year 1896 on Lot 14, Block 1,312, Bidwell avenue, from $1,800 to $200, and also correct the entry on his books to make the property appear only as a vacant lot.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Frank Mitchell for $38.65, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897, on Lot 11, Block 387, Third street, paid June 24, 1897, being duplicate of payment made same date.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of H. T. Nugent, agent for Mrs. Kate M. Warren, for $7.85, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897, on lot R, block 290, 794 Jersey avenue; paid May 14, 1897, being duplicate of payment made on June 24, 1897.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of James F. Gannon, agent for A. C. Perry,

for $18.75, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897, on lot N, block 309, Wayne street; paid by owner May 6, 1897, being duplicate of payment made by James F. Gannon, agent, on July 9, 1897.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of the Real Estate Trusts Company, agents of T. Johns, for $10, to return overpayment made through an error in the addition of the water rent bill, on lots D and C, Block 38, Greene street, paid May 14, 1897; bill paid was for $28.30; amount should have been $18.30.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of John Geiger, for $10, for error made by Water Department in charging for beer pump (water rents), on plot 17, block 634, No. 161 Jackson avenue; paid July 15, 1897, Water Registrar having certified that there is no beer pump on the premises.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Friday, July 30, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Saturday, July 31, 1897, at nine o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Saturday, July 31, 1897, at nine o'clock A. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

Under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Simpson, the Committee of the Whole, to whom were referred the several estimates of appropriations for the fiscal year 1897-1898, presented the following report, and the same was received and the recommendations therein contained were adopted, on motion of Mr. Simpson, by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nay—Mr. Midlige—1.

Absent—None.

Jersey City, July 31, 1897.

Honorable Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole to whom were referred the estimates and recommendations of all Boards of Jersey City, including the appropriations from this Board, respectfully report and recommend that the amount proper and necessary to be raised by tax during the current year, for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1897, and ending November 30, 1898, be fixed at one million, eight hundred and thirty-two thousand, four hundred and sixty-three and 35-100 dollars ($1,832,463.35) as the appropriation and limit of expenditure for the purpose of the several Boards, except where by law it may be otherwise provided; the above amount taking into consideration the money to be paid to Jersey City by the State for school purposes and the money to be paid to Jersey City under the act approved April 10, 1884, and (1-9) to be added, as required by the act of March 27, 1884, the committee recommend distributed among the several Boards in the following manner as the limit of expenditures of the said Board for the purpose and in the manner mentioned, viz.:—

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Teachers salaries (see Schedules A and B)	$324,914 00
Superintendent and Clerk	5,000 00
Janitors salaries (see Schedule C)	20,810 00
Printing and blanks, including annual report	2,500 00
Books, stationery and supplies	18,000 00
Fuel and electric power	15,000 00
Night schools and books and stationery for same	6,000 00
Census	3,500 00
Gas	1,000 00
Janitors' supplies	2,750 00
Repairing school buildings and furniture	2,000 00
Total	$401,474 00

Making the total amount to be expended by said Board of Education during the ensuing fiscal year to be four hundred and one thousand, four hundred and seventy-four dollars ($401,474).

BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS.

For the payment of such contractor or contractors as shall be awarded contracts for cleaning the streets, including cleaning of asphalt streets, and removing the ashes and garbage of Jersey City, during the fiscal year commencing December 1, 1897, this appropriation is made for payments under such contracts as shall be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance, and no portion thereof shall be used or expended for any purpose whatever, nor shall any charge be credited against this item for work done or materials furnished, unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with specifications prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance	$40,000 00
For cleaning sewers and receiving basins, the Board of Finance reserving the right at any time to have the sewers and receiving basins of this city cleaned by contract or contracts, to be approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance, in which event no portion of this appropriation shall be used or expended for any other purposes whatever, nor shall any charge be created thereafter against this item for work thereafter done, unless the same shall be done or furnished in accordance with the specifications prepared by the Chief Engineer and approved by the Mayor and Board of Finance (including salaries)	12,750 00
Public grounds and buildings (including salaries)	4,000 00
Printing and stationery	2,300 00
Repairs to unpaved streets, including maintenance of macadam pavement and salaries	5,000 00
Reconstruction of sewers (general fund)	2,000 00

Municipal lighting (including salary of Lamp Inspector), advertising and printing	132,500 00
District Court rentals	600 00
District Court rentals (May 1, 1897, to December 1, 1897)	350 00
Armory salaries (including pay of additional help; see Schedule D)	1,500 00
Engineering Bureau (including salaries and supplies; see Schedule E)	14,000 00
Insurance	1,500 00
Salaries (see Schedule F)	15,220 00
	$231,720 00

Making the total amount to be expended by said Board of Street and Water Commissioners, during the ensuing fiscal year, to be two hundred and thirty-one thousand seven hundred and twenty dollars ($231,720).

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS.

Salaries (see Schedule G, H and J)	$353,772 00
Claims (see Schedule K)	24,300 00
Hospital and dispensaries (see Schedule L)	20,000 00
Pensions (see Schedule N)	12,792 00
Extra allowance for officers injured on duty (See Schedule M)	417 35
Five extra patrolmen	5,000 00
Total	$416,281 35

Making the total amount to be expended by said Board of Police Commissioners, during the ensuing fiscal year to be four hundred and sixteen thousand, two hundred and eighty-one and 35-100 dollars ($416,281.35).

BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS.

Salaries (see Schedule O)	$182,300 00
Claims	20,000 00
New Fire hose (to stand 400 pound test)	4,000 00
Pensions (see Schedule P)	2,550 00
Repairs to department buildings	2,500 00
Repairs to apparatus	3,000 00
New fire engine	4,000 00
Total	$218,350 00

Making the total amount to be expended by said Board of Fire Commissioners during the ensuing fiscal year to be two hundred and eighteen thousand, three hundred and fifty dollars ($218,350).

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

Relief of outdoor poor	$6,000 00
Gas and Fuel for Fourth Regiment Armory	2,500 00
Salaries (see Schedule R)	11,600 00
District Courts (including salaries and supplies, see Schedule S)	10,500 00
Care of horse of Building Inspector and repairs to wagon	350 00
Printing, stationery and supplies	2,000 00
Decoration Day	300 00
Elections	20,500 00
Total	$53,750 00

Making the total amount to be expended by said Board of Aldermen during the ensuing fiscal year to be fifty-three thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars ($53,750).

BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS.

Salaries (the extra clerks to assist the City Collector in making out tax bills; see Schedule T)	$15,200 00
Printing, stationery and supplies and field assessment and record books	1,200 00
Incidentals	200 00
Preparing record books	1,000 00
Total	$17,600 00

Making the total amount to be expended by said Board of Tax Commissioners, during the ensuing fiscal year, to be seventeen thousand six hundred dollars ($17,600).

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF APPEAL.

Salaries (see Schedule U)	$3,600 00
Stationery and incidentals	100 00
Total	$3,700 00

Making the total amount to be expended by said Board of Commissioners of Appeal, during the ensuing fiscal year, to be thirty-seven hundred dollars ($3,700).

SINKING FUND COMMISSION.

Salaries (see Schedule V)	$1,800 00
Incidentals	100 00
Total	$1,900 00

Making the total amount to be expended by the said Sinking Fund Commission during the ensuing fiscal year, to be one thousand nine hundred dollars ($1,900).

COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENT.

Printing and stationery	$200 00

Making the total amount to be expended by the said Commissioners of Assessment, during the ensuing fiscal year, to be two hundred dollars ($200).

BOARD OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS.

Expenses of Commission (see Schedule W)	$25,368 00

Making the total amount to be expended by the said Board of City Hall Commissioners, during the ensuing fiscal year, to be twenty-five thousand three hundred and sixty-eight dollars ($25,368).

BOARD OF FINANCE.

Salaries (see Schedule Y)	$58,140 00
Publishing minutes in official papers	5,500 00
Claims	8,000 00
Free Public Library	29,779 87
Interest on general assessment bonds (see Schedules 1 and 2.)	556,128 66
Interest on sundry bonds (see Schedule 5)	5,718 29
For bonds due 1897-1898 (see Schedule 6)	113,595 28
For pedestal for Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument	2,500 00
Difference, interest, year 1896-1897 (see Schedule 3)	7,171 66
Difference, interest, year 1895-1896 (see Schedule 4)	273 96
For Sinking Fund (see Schedule 7)	157,600 00
To pay the cost in excess of benefits of improvements made and assessments filed to May 1, 1897, under Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895 (see Schedule 8)	18,965 95
Total	$963,373 67

Making the total amount to be expended bythe said Board of Finance during the ensuing fiscal year to be nine hundred and sixty-three thousand, three hundred and seventy-three and 67-100 dollars ($963,373.67).

RECAPITULATION.

Board of Education	$401,474 00
Board of Street and Water Commissioners	231,720 00
Board of Police Commissioners	416,281 35
Board of Fire Commissioners	218,350 00
Board of Aldermen	53,750 00
Board of Tax Commissioners	17,600 00
Board of Commissioners of Appeal	3,700 00
Sinking Fund Commission	1,900 00
Commissioners of Assessment	200 00
Board of City Hall Commissioners	25,368 00
Board of Finance	963,373 67
Total	$2,333,717 02
Less ¼ of liquor license monies unappropriated by legislation	62,500 00
Total	$2,271,217 02
Less amount to be received from the State for schools.	250,000 00
Total	$2,021,217 02
Less amount to be received under "An act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10, 1884, the same to be first applied to the payment of the city debt, and interest falling due thereon	372,000 00
Total	$1,649,217 02
Add one-ninth (1-9) in conformity with the provisions of an "Act concerning cities of this State," approved March 27, 1884	183,246 33
Total	1,832,463 35

The total of $1,832,463.35 being the amount fixed to be raised in Jersey City for all city purposes by taxation during the ensuing fiscal year.

Your committee would respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the report and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole as to the apropriations of the several Boards of Jersey City, and the amount necessary to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the current year for the purposes of city government, for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1897, and ending November 30, 1898, be and the same are hereby received and adopted, and in conformity therewith, the Board of Finance, having duly considered the estimates and recommendations of the several Boards, do hereby fix the amount to be raised by tax in Jersey City during the present year, for the purposes of the said Board for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1897, and ending November 30, 1898, (both days inclusive) at the sum of one million eight hundred and thirty-two thousand, four hundred and sixty-three dollars and thirty-five cents ($1,832,463.35) and that sum, together with the amount to be raised by the State to Jersey City for schools, and together with the amount to be paid Jersey City under the provisions of an act entitled "An Act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," approved April 10, 1884, is hereby distributed among the several Boards, as recommended as to amounts by the Committee of the Whole, and the amounts thus fixed shall be the appropriations and limits of expenditure for the said purposes during the ensuing fiscal year.

HENRY BRAUTIGAM,
J. S. BAILEY,
H. L. KELLERS,
R. SIMPSON,
Committee of the Whole.

SCHEDULE A.

Salary account by schools (June 9, 1897):

High School	$21,750 00
School No. 1	17,096 00

School No. 2	19,514 00
School No. 3	10,328 00
School No. 4	15,034 00
School No. 5	7,690 00
School No. 6	20,598 00
School No. 7	16,054 00
School No. 8	17,822 00
School No. 9 and Training	17,736 00
School No. 10	6,840 00
School No. 11	12,646 00
School No. 11, Annex	2,420 00
School No. 12	14,602 00
School No. 13	7,696 00
School No. 14	11,318 00
School No. 15	10,270 00
School No. 16	4,608 00
School No. 20	14,398 00
School No. 21	16,590 00
School No. 22	14,746 00
School No. 23	13,950 00
School No. 24	12,118 00
School No. 25	14,258 00
Total	$320,082 00

SCHEDULE B.

Increase due to promotions, December 1, 1897.

Number to be promoted from $528 to $624, 10; amount	$960 00
Number to be promoted from $408 to $528, 21; amount	3,720 00
Number to be promoted from $400 to $408, 19; amount	152 00
Total	$4,832 00

SCHEDULE C.

Janitors Salaries.

School No. 1	$900 00
School No. 2	1,000 00
School No. 3	900 00
School No. 4	900 00
School No. 5	1,200 00
School No. 6	900 00
School No. 7	900 00
School No. 8	900 00
School No. 9	1,250 00
School No. 10	780 00
School No. 11	900 00
School No. 11 annex	450 00
School No. 12	950 00
School No. 13	780 00
School No. 14	900 00
School No. 15	1,100 00
School No. 16	500 00
School No. 20	900 00
School No. 21	900 00
School No. 22	900 00
School No. 23	900 00
School No. 24	900 00
School No. 25	1,100 00
Total	$20,810 00

SCHEDULE D.

Armorer	$1,200 00
Superintendent of Armory	300 00
Total	$1,500 00

SCHEDULE E.

Engineering Bureau.

Chief Engineer	$3,500 00
One (1) Surveyor	2,400 00
One (1) Surveyor	1,200 00
One (1) Draughtsman	1,500 00
One (1) Assistant Assessment Clerk	1,200 00
One (1) Clerk to Chief Engineer	900 00
Two (2) Rodmen at $900	1,800 00
One (1) Chainman	840 00
Supplies	660 00
Total	$14,000 00

SCHEDULE F.

Salaries (Board of Street and Water Commissioners).

Five (5) Commissioners at $2,000 each	$10,000 00
Clerk of Board	3,000 00
Assistant Clerk of Board	1,500 00
Stenographer	720 00
Total	$15,220 00

SCHEDULE G.

Salaries (Board of Police Commissioners).

Three (3) Commissioners at $1,000 each	$3,000 00
Clerk of Board	1,600 00
Chief of Police	3,000 00
Inspector	2,300 00
Seven (7) Captains at $2,000 each	14,000 00
One (1) surgeon	1,500 00
One (1) Superintendent of Signal System	1,500 00
Thirty-one (31) sergeants, at $1,200 each	37,200 00
Thirteen (13) detectives at $1,200 each	15,600
Fourteen (14) roundsmen at $1,100 each	15,400 00
Two hundred and twenty-five (225) patrolmen, at $1,000 each	225,000 00
Seven (7) doormen	7,000 00
One (1) van driver	1,000 00
One (1) lineman	720 00
One (1) stableman	720 00
One (1) matron	700 00
Seven (7) janitrix, at $360	2,520 00
Total	$332,760 00

SCHEDULE H.

Salaries (Hospital).

One (1) warden	$1,500 00
One (1) matron	400 00
One (1) druggist	1,000 00
Two (2) cooks, at $240 each	480 00
One (1) assistant cook	168 00
One (1) surgical nurse	420 00
One (1) medical nurse	360 00
Two (2) night nurses, at $300 each	600 00
Two (2) orderlies, at $240 each	480 00
One (1) orderly	180 00
Five (5) trained nurses, at $360 each	1,800 00

Two (2) laundresses, at $216 each	432 00
One (1) laundress	144 00
One (1) servant	168 00
One (1) scrub girl	120 00
Two (2) ambulance drivers, at $480	960 00
One (1) watchman	600 00
One (1) health inspector	1,400 00
Six (6) city physicians, at $400	2,400 00
Total	$13,612 00

SCHEDULE J.

Salaries (Police Courts).

Two (2) Police Justices at $2,500 each	$5,000 00
Two (2) Police Clerks at $1,200 each	2,400 00
Total	$7,400 00

SCHEDULE K.

Claims (Board of Police Commissioners).

Fuel	$2,700 00
Feed of horses	2,500 00
Feed of prisoners	2,500 00
Photographs of prisoners	250 00
Incidentals of Chief	500 00
Supplies for station houses	2,500 00
Department repairs and incidentals	2,500 00
Telephones for Signal System	1,230 00
Maintenance of Signal System	1,300 00
Lighting stations and hospital	4,800 00
Printing and stationery	1,800 00
Six bicycles	400 00
Rental	720 00
Two (2) horses	350 00
Bertillion System	250 00
Total	$24,300 00

SCHEDULE L.

Hospital.

Maintenance of Hospital	$19,500 00
Eye and Ear Infirmary	500 00
Total	$20,000 00

SCHEDULE M.

Extra allowance for officers injured on duty.

Officer O'Donnell, Third precinct	$417 35

SCHEDULE N.

Pensions (Board of Police Commissioners).

Chief of Police	$3,000 00
Inspector	2,300 00
Seven (7) Captains at $2,000 each	14,000 00
Thirty-one (31) Sergeants at $1,200 each	37,200 00
Thirteen (13) Detectives at $1,200 each	15,600 00
Fourteen (14) Roundsmen at $1,050 each	14,700 00
Two hundred and twenty-five (225) Patrolmen at $1,000 each	225,000 00
Seven (7) Doormen at $1,000 each	7,000 00
One Van Driver	1,000 00
Total	$319,800 00
Pension Fund being 4 % of total salaries	$12,792 00

SCHEDULE O.

Salaries (Board of Fire Commissioners).

Three (3) Commissioners, at $1,000 each	$3,000 00
Clerk of Board	2,000 00
Chief Engineer	2,500 00
One (1) Assistant Engineer	2,000 00
Two (2) Battalion Chiefs, at $1,500 each	3,000 00
One (1) Medical Examiner	500 00
One (1) Inspector of Horses	800 00
One (1) Superintendent of Telegraph	1,500 00
Five (5) Telegraph Linemen, at at $1,000 each	5,000 00
Fifteen (15) Engineers, at $1,100 each	16,500 00
Fifteen (15) Stokers, at $1,000 each	15,000 00
Forty-five (45) Permanent Hosemen, at $950 each	42,750 00
Fifteen (15) Steamers' Drivers, at $1,000 each	15,000 00
Fifteen (15) Tender Drivers, at $1,000 each	15,000 00
Fifteen (15) Captains of Engine Companies, at $1,200 each	18,000 00
Five (5) Captains of Hook and Ladder Companies, at $1,200 each	6,000 00
Five (5) Tillermen, at $1,000 each	5,000 00
Five (5) Truck Drivers, at $1,000 each	5,000 00
Twenty-five (25) Truckmen, at $950 each	23,750 00
Total	$182,300 00

SCHEDULE P.

Pensions (Board of Fire Commissioners).

Mrs. Agnes Farrier	$666 67
Mrs. Louisa Dinan	283 33
Mrs. Catherine Guiton	500 00
Mrs. Jane Lidell	50 00
Mathew Bligh	500 00
For the purpose of retiring Thomas Keogh, engineer	550 00
Total	$2,550 00

SCHEDULE R.

Salaries (Board of Aldermen.)

City Clerk	$5,000 00
Overseer of Poor	1,600 00
Assistant to Overseer of Poor	1,000 00
City Marshal	1,500 00
Inspector of Buildings	1,500 00
Inspector of Scales, Weights and Measures	1,000 00
Total	$11,600 00

SCHEDULE S.

District Courts.

Two (2) Judges, at $3,000 each	$6,000 00

Two (2) Clerks, at $1,500 each....	3,000 00
Two (2) Constables, at $350 each.	700 00
Printing, stationery and supplies	800 00
Total.....	$10,500 00

SCHEDULE T.

Salaries (Board of Tax Commissioners).	
Three (3) Commissioners, at $2,500 each	$7,500 00
Clerk of Board	1,500 00
Five (5) Assistant Clerks, at $1,000 each	5,000 00
One (1) Assistant Clerk	1,200 00
Total	$15,200 00

SCHEDULE U.

Salaries (Commissioners of Appeal).	
Three (3) Commissioners, at $1,000 each	$3,000 00
Clerk of Board	600 00
Total	$3,600 00

SCHEDULE V.

Salaries (Sinking Fund Commissioners).	
Three (3) Commissioners, at $500 each	$1,500 00
Clerk of Board	300 00
Total	$1,800 00

SCHEDULE W.

Salaries, etc. (City Hall Commissioners).	
Superintendent	$2,000 00
Clerk of Board	1,200 00
Three (3) porters, at $720 each	2,160 00
One (1) hallman	720 00
Two (2) elevator men, at $600 each	1,200 00
One (1) engineer	1,000 00
One (1) assistant engineer	900 00
Three (3) firemen, at $780 each	2,340 00
One (1) night watchman	720 00
One (1) cleaner	720 00
One (1) cleaner	300 00
Eight (8) cleaners (women), at $360 each	2,880 00
One carpenter	900 00
Total salaries	$17,040 00
Fire insurance—Contents of building, $75; building, $550	625 00
Accident insurance — Boilers, $40; elevators, $63	103 00
Coal, $2,500; suplies, $2,300; light —electric and gas, $1,800	6,600 00
Repairs to building	1,000 00
Total	$25,368 00

SCHEDULE Y.

Salaries (Board of Finance.)

Board of Finance (office):—	
Five (5) members, at $500 each	$2,500 00
Clerk of Board	1,800 00
Assistant to Clerk of Board	1,000 00
Collector of Arrears of Personal Taxes	1,200 00
Assistant to Board of Tax Commissioners and Assessment Clerk	3,000 00
Draughtsman to Assistant to Board of Tax Commissioners and Assessment Clerk	1,500 00
General Messenger	720 00
For contingencies	300 00
Total	$12,220 00
Mayor's office:—	
Mayor	$5,000 00
Secretary to Mayor	1,500 00
Clerk to Mayor	900 00
Total	$7,400 00
City Comptroller's office:—	
City Comptroller	$3,000 00
Deputy City Comptroller	1,500 00
One Clerk	1,200 00
One Clerk	1,000 00
Total	$6,700 00
City Treasurer's office:—	
City Treasurer	$3,000 00
Deputy City Treasurer	1,500 00
Total	$4,500 00
City Collector's office:—	
City Collector	$3,000 00
Deputy City Collector	1,500 00
Six (6) Clerks, at $1,200 each	7,200 00
One Messenger	720 00
Total	$12,420 00
City Clerk's Office:—	
Two (2) Clerks, at $1,500 each	$3,000 00
Three (3) Clerks, at $1,200 each	3,600 00
Total	$6,600 00
Law Department:—	
Corporation Counsel	$5,000 00
Corporation Attorney	3,500 00
Total	$8,500 00

Summary of Salaries (Board of Finance).	
Board of Finance office	$12,220 00
Mayor's office	7,400 00
City Comptroller's office	6,700 00
City Treasurer's office	4,500 00
City Collector's office	12,420 00
City Clerk's office	6,600 00
Law Department	8,500 00
Total salaries, Board of Finance	$58,140 00

SCHEDULE 1.

Interest on General Account Bonds.

Interest due December, 1897:—	
3% on $450,000, to pay maturing bonds, due June 1, 1910	$13,500 00
Interest due January, 1898:—	
2% on $5,000, Police Headquarters Bonds due January 1, 1898	100 00
3½% on $50,000, Public School Bonds, due July 1, 1898	1,750 00
2% on $5,000, Police Headquarters Bonds, due January 1, 1899	100 00

2½% on $10,900, Police Department Building Bonds, due January 1, 1899	272 50
3½% on $100,000, Public School Bonds, due January 1, 1900	3,500 00
2½% on $9,000, Police Department Building Bonds, due January 1, 1900	225 00
2% on $5,000, Police Headquarters Bonds, due January 1, 1900	100 00
3½% on $50,000, Public School Bonds, due April 2, 1900	1,750 00
3½% on $125,000, Morgan Street Dock Bonds, due June 8, 1900	4,375 00
2% on $5,000, Police Headquarters Bonds, due January 1, 1901	100 00
2¼% on $8,000, Engine House Bonds, due July 24, 1901	180 00
2% on $5,000, Police Headquarters Bonds, due January 1, 1902	100 00
2¼% on $5,000, Police Department Building Bonds, due January 1, 1905	112 50
2¼% on $5,000, Police Department Building Bonds, due January 1, 1906	112 50
3½% on $60,000, Improvement Bonds, due January 3, 1906	2,100 00
2¼% on $5,100, Police Department Building Bonds, due January 1, 1907	114 75
2½% on $20,000, Police Department Building Bonds, due January 1, 1909	500 00
2½% on $200,000, City Hall Gold Bonds, due 1913 to 1922	5,000 00
3½% on $550,000, City Government Bonds, due July 1, 1913	19,250 00
2½% on $200,000, Renew Maturing Bonds, due January 2, 1922	5,000 00
2½% on $350,000, City Hall Gold Bonds, due January 1, 1923	8,750 00
2¼% on $4,000, New Armory Bonds, due 1898 to 1901	90 00
2% on $12,000, Fire Department Building Bonds, due June 1, 1909	240 00
2¼% on $4,000, Fire Department Building Bonds, due December 28, 1903	90 00
2% on $7,500, Police Department Building Bonds, due February 15, 1910	150 00
5 months at 4% on $10,000 City Hall Bonds, due January 1, 1898	166 66
2% on $38,000 Street Lighting Bonds, due 1898 to 1907	760 00
Total	$54,988 91
Interest due February, 1898:—	
2½% on $150,000, City Hall Bonds, due 1898 to 1912	$3,750 00
3% on $1,353,000, Fund Floating Debt Bonds, due February 1, 1909	40,590 00
2% on $30,000, City Hall Bonds, due 1899 to 1901	600 00
2% on $60,000, City Hall Bonds, due 1901 to 1907	1,200 00
Total	$46,140 00
Interest due March, 1898:—	
2¼% on $8,000, Engine House Bonds, due September 10, 1902	180 00
Interest due April, 1898:—	
2¼% on $5,000, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due October 1, 1903	$112 50
3% on $1,000,000, City of Jersey City Bonds, due April 1, 1904	30,000 00
2¼% on $5,000, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due October 1, 1904	112 50
2½% on $150,000, difference between old and new Assessment Bonds, due April 1, 1911	3,750 00
Total	$33,975 00
Interest due May, 1898:—	
2¼% on $450,000 Refunded Gold Bonds due May 1, 1927	$10,125 00
2% on $100,000, Park Gold Bonds, due May 1, 1927	2,000 00
Total	$12,125 00
Interest due June, 1898:—	
3% on $450,000, to pay Maturing Bonds, due June 1, 1910	$13,500 00
Interest due July, 1898:—	
3½% on $50,000, Public School Bonds, due July 1, 1898	$1,750 00
2% on $5,000, Police Headquarters Bonds, due January 1, 1899	100 00
2½% on $10,900, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due January 1, 1899	272 50
3½% on $100,000, Public School bonds, due January 1, 1900	3,500 00
2½% on $9,000, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due January 1, 1900	225 00
2% on $5,000, Police Headquarters Bonds, due January 1, 1900	100 00
3½% on $50,000, Public School Bonds, due April 2, 1900	1,750 00
3½% on $125,000, Morgan street Dock Bonds, due June 8, 1900	4,375 00
2% on $5,000, Police Headquarters Bonds, due January 1, 1901	100 00
2¼% on $8,000, Engine House Bonds, due July 24, 1901	180 00
2% on $5,000, Police Headquarters Bonds, due January 1, 1902	100 00
2¼% on $5,000, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due January 1, 1905	112 50
2¼% on $5,000, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due January 1, 1906	112 50
3½% on $60,000, Improvement	

Bonds, due January 3, 1906....	2,100 00
2¼% on $5,100, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due January 1, 1907	114 75
2½% on $20,000, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due January 1, 1909	500 00
2½% on $200,000, City Hall Gold Bonds, due 1913 to 1922.....	5,000 00
2½% on $550,000, City Government Bonds, due July 1, 1913...	19,250 00
2½% on $200,000, renew Maturing Bonds, due January 2, 1922.....	5,000 00
2½% on $350,000, City Hall Gold Bonds, due January 1, 1923....	8,750 00
2¼% on $3,000 new Armory Bonds, due 1899 to 1901.....	67 50
2% on $12,000, Fire Department Buildings Bonds, due June 1, 1909....	240 00
2¼% on $4,000, Fire Department Buildings Bonds, due December 28, 1903....	90 00
2% on $7,500, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due February 15, 1910.....	150 00
2% on $38,000, Street Lighting Bonds, due 1898 to 1907.....	760 00
Total....	$54,699 75
Interest due August, 1898:—	
2½% on $140,000, City Hall Bonds, due 1899 to 1912.....	$3,500 00
3% on $1,353,000, Fund Floating Debt Bonds, due February 1, 1909.....	40,590 00
2% on $30,000, City Hall Bonds, due 1899 to 1901.....	600 00
2% on $60,0000, City Hall Bonds, due 1901 to 1907.....	1,200 00
Total.....	$45,890 00
Interest due September, 1898:—	
2¼% on $8,000, Engine House Bonds, due September 10, 1902..	$180 00
Interest due October, 1898:—	
2¼% on $5,000, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due October 1, 1903.....	$112 50
3% on $1,000,000, City of Jersey City Bonds, due April 1, 1904...	30,000 00
2¼% on $5,000, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due October 1, 1904....	112 50
2½% on $150,000, difference between old and new Assessment Bonds, due April 1, 1911.....	3,750 00
Total.....	$33,975 00
Interest due November, 1898:—	
2¼% on $450,000, Refunded Gold Bonds, due May 1, 1927.....	$10,125 00
2% on $100,000, Park Gold Bonds, due May 1, 1927.....	2,000 00
Total.....	$12,125 00
Interest on School Bonds, to be issued....	$6,000 00
Making total for general interest....	$327,278 66

SCHEDULE 2.

Interest on Assessment Account Bonds.

Interest due December, 1897:—	
3½% on $600,000, Fund Assessment Bonds, due June 1, 1905..	$21,000 00
Interest due January, 1898:—	
3½% on $300,000, Fund Assessment Bonds, due January 1, 1906.....	$10,500 00
2½% on $548,000, renew Maturing Bonds, due January 2, 1922.....	13,700 00
Total.....	$24,200 00
Interest due March, 1898:—	
2½% on $700,000, Renew Maturing Bonds (gold), due September 1, 1923	$17,500 00
Interest due April, 1898:—	
2½% on $1,469,000, Renew Maturing Bonds, due April 1, 1916....	$36,725 00
Interest due May, 1898:—	
2½% on $600,000, Renew Maturing Bonds (gold), due May 1, 1924	$15,000 00
Interest due June, 1898:—	
3½% on $600,000,Fund Assessment Bonds, due June 1, 1905.....	$21,000 00
Interest due July, 1898:—	
3½% on $300,000, Fund Assessment Bonds, due January 1, 1906	$10,500 00
2½% on $548,000, Renew Maturing Bonds, due January 2, 1922	13,700 00
Total	$24,200 00
Interest due September, 1898:—	
2½% on $700,000, Renew Maturing Bonds (gold), due September 1, 1923	$17,500 00
Interest due October, 1898:—	
2½% on $1,469,000, Renew Maturing Bonds, due April 1, 1916....	$36,725 00
Interest due November, 1898:—	
2½% on $600,000, Renew Maturing Bonds (Gold), due May 1, 1924.	$15,000 00
Making total for assessment interest	$228,850 00

RECAPITULATION, 1897-1898.

Month.	General.	Assessment.
December, 1897	$13,500 00	$21,000 00
January, 1898	54,988 91	24,200 00
February, 1898	46,140 00	.....
March, 1898	180 00	17,500 00
April, 1898	33,975 00	36,725 00
May, 1898	12,125 00	15,000 00
June, 1898	13,500 00	21,000 00
July, 1898	54,699 75	24,200 00
August, 1898	45,890 00	.....
September, 1898	180 00	17,500 00
October, 1898	33,975 00	36,725 00

November, 1898	12,125 00	15,000 00
New Schoolhouses	6,000 00	.....
	$327,278 66	$228,850 00
Total general interest.....		$327,278 66
Total assessment interest.		228,850 00
Total		$556,128 66

SCHEDULE 3.

Interest on General and Assessment Account Bonds 1896-1897, paid and to be paid as follows:—

December, 1896.....	$34,500 00
January, 1897....	77,932 25
February, 1897...	44,590 00
March, 1897.....	17,680 00
April, 1897.....	70,700 00
May, 1897.....	33,415 98
June, 1897.....	34,500 00
July, 1897.....	77,692 25
August, 1897.....	45,886 66
September, 1897.....	17,680 00
October, 1897.....	70,700 00
November, 1897.....	27,125 00
Total.....	$552,402 14
Amount appropriated in Tax Levy, 1896-1897..	545,230 48
To be provided for in Tax Levy. 1897-1898.....	$7,171 66

SCHEDULE 4.

Interest on General and Assessment Account Bonds, 1895-1896, paid as follows:—

December, 1895.....	$34,500 00
January, 1896....	78,032 25
February, 1896	44,840 00
March, 1896	17,680 00
April, 1896	70,700 00
May, 1896	33,569 32
June, 1896	34,500 00
July, 1896	77,932 25
August, 1896	44,590 00
September, 1896	17,680 00
October, 1896	70,700 00
November, 1896	33,536 60
Total	$558,260 42
Amount appropriated in Tax Levy, 1895-1896....	557,986 46
To be provided for in Tax Levy of 1897-1898.....	$273 96

SCHEDULE 5.

Interest on temporary loans, paid and to be paid as follows:—

Interest to December 1, 1895, on $33,467.13, 4½% bonds, due December 1, 1895....	$566 25
Interest to December 1, 1896, on $4,682.14, 4½% Bonds, due December 1, 1896	88 90
Interest to December 1, 1896, on $26,315, 4% Bonds, due December 1, 1896	444 11
Interest to December 1, 1896, on $2,154.25, 4% Bonds, due December 1, 1896	28 80

Interest to July 1, 1897, on $47,519.64, 4%

Sundry Award Bonds, due on demand, as follows:—

Opening Monticello avenue	$21,305 00	$426 10
Opening Jackson place ...	2,450 00	90 08
Opening Mercer street....	15,406 39	755 52
Mill Creek sewer.....	2,433 94	119 36
Widening West Side avenue	1,885 16	54 28
Cator avenue improvement	400 47	7 06
Custer avenue improvement	1,829 94	50 64
DeKalb avenue improvement	1,808 74	36 18

Interest to July 1, 1897, on $50,717.14, 4%

Sundry Bonds, due December 1, 1897, as follows:—

Cleaning streets	$5,000 00	$137 81
Expenses State railroad tax..	15,227 49	115 15
Repairs to school buildings....	26,489 65	802 68
Sewer, Pollock avenue....	4,000 00	113 33

Interest to July 1, 1897, on $15,361.33 4%

Sundry Bonds, due December 10, 1897, as follows:—

Counsel, street lighting..	$563 08]	
Sewer, School No. 23.....	415 00 |	
Judgment	517 44 |	
Cleaning streets	1,500 00 |	
Judgment and costs.....	1,121 21 |	$50 50
Street lighting	7,500 00 |	
Repairs to Old City Hall.	3,500 00 |	
Judgments	244 60]	

Interest to February 1, 1897, on 4% City Hall Bonds, as follows:—

6 months' interest on $40,000 bonds, $10,000 due each year, January 1, 1898 to 1901.....	$800 00
2 months' interest on $26,000 bonds, due 1902 to 1904.....	173 33
Interest to January 1, 1897, on $5,000 4½% New Armory Bonds, due $1,000 January 1 each year, 1897 to 1901....	180 92
Interest to July 1, 1897, on $4,000 4½% New Armory Bonds, due $1,000 January 1, each year, 1898 to 1901....	90 00
Interest to July 1, 1897, on $4,000 4½% Fire Department Bonds, due December 28, 1903.....	270 00
Interest to July 1, 1897, on $12,000 4% Fire Department Bonds, due June 1, 1909....	40 76
Interest to July 1, 1897, on 4% Police Department Buildings Bonds, due February 15, 1910..	25 48
Interest to July 1, 1897, on $5,341.72 4% Expenses South Cove Bonds, due on demand..	178 26
Interest to July 1, 1897, on $10,000 4% Expenses, Laws, 1895, Bonds, due on demand.....	33 33
Interest to July 1, 1897, on $24,000 4% Joint Outlet Sewer Bonds, due on demand....	39 46
Total.....	$5,718 29

SCHEDULE 6.

For payment of bonds falling due 1897—1898.

4% Temporary Loans, due December 1, 1897:—	
Repairs to school buildings	$26,489 65
Sewers and receiving basins	4,000 00
Cleaning streets	5,000 00
Expenses, State railroad taxes..	15,227 49
4% Temporary Loans, due December 10, 1897:—	
Counsel street lighting	$563 08
Sewer, School No. 23	415 00
Judgment	517 44
Cleaning streets	1,500 00
Judgments and costs	1,121 21
Street lighting	7,500 00
Repairs old City Hall for School No. 1	3,500 00
Judgments	244 60
4% Temporary Loans, due demand:—	
Expenses South Cove	$5,341 72
4% Police Headquarters, due January 1, 1898	5,000 00
4% Fire Department Salaries, due January 1, 1898	12,375 09
4½% new Armory, due January 1, 1898	1,000 00
4% New City Hall, due January 1, 1898....	10,000 00
5% New City Hall, due February 10, 1898.....	10,000 00
4% Street Lighting, due July 1, 1898.....	3,800 00
Total.....	$113,595 28

SCHEDULE 7.

For Sinking Fund Purposes, 1897-1898.

To pay bonds as follows:—

$8,000, Fire Department Buildings, due July 24, 1901, Act March 9, 1893, Resolution, May 23, 1893.....	$1,000 00
$8,000, Fire Department Buildings, due September 10, 1902, Act, March 9, 1893, Resolution, August 27, 1894.....	1,000 00
$1,000,000 6% City of Jersey City, due April 1, 1904, Act, February 21, 1884, Resolution, April 7, 1884.....	30,000 00
$450,000 to pay Maturing, due June 1, 1910, Act, February 18, 1879, Resolution, April 28, 1880..	13,500 00
$150,000, difference between Old and New Assessments, due April 1, 1911, act, March 3, 1881, Resolution, May 11, 1881	4,500 00
$525,000 Water, due February 1, 1913, act, January 30, 1883, Resolution, January 31, 1883.....	12,000 00
$548,000 Assessment and $200,000 General, due January 2, 1922, Act, June 9, 1890, Resolution November 11, 1891.....	15,000 00
$700,000 Assessment (gold), due September 1, 1923, Act, March 16, 1893, Resolution, August 17, 1893....	14,000 00
$600,000, Assessment (gold), due May 1, 1924, Act, March 16, 1893, Resolution, April 12, 1894	12,000 00
$4,000, Fire Department Buildings, due December 28, 1903, Act, March 28, 1895, Resolution, December 19, 1895	1,000 00
$12,000, Fire Department Buildings, due June 1, 1909, Act, Chapter 362, Laws of 1895, Resolution, February 4, 1897	1,000 00
$7,500, Police Department Buildings, due February 15, 1910, Act, April 8, 1889, and supplement, March 9, 1891, and March 9, 1892, Resolution, February 4, 1897	500 00
$450,000 Refunded Assessment (gold), due May 1, 1927, Act, March 16, 1893, Resolution, March 11, 1897	9,100 00
$100,000 Park (gold) bonds, due May 1, 1927, Act, March 30, 1896, Resolution, April 26,1897..	2,000 00
$300,000 School House (gold), due August 2, 1927, Act March 31, 1897, Resolution, May 1, 1897....	6,000 00
$1,469,000, Assessment due April 1, 1916, Act June 9, 1890, Resolution March 26, 1891	35,000 00
Total	$157,600 00

SCHEDULE 8.

To pay the costs in excess of benefits of improvements made and assessments filed to May 1, 1897, under Chapter 217, Laws of 1895, as follows:—

Improvement, Bostwick place..	$6 66
Improvement, Oak street	360 79
Improvement, Atlantic street ..	207 32
Improvement, Claremont avenue	866 61
Improvement, Carteret avenue.	1,139 36
Improvement, Clerk street.....	6 89
Improvement, Thorne street ..	2 03
Improvement, Sherman avenue.	234 49
Improvement, Fairmount avenue	64 85
Sewer, Ocean avenue	25 15
Sewer, St. Paul's avenue	7 35
Improvement, Ogden avenue....	28 15
Improvement, Brown place.....	997 30
Improvement, Fourteenth street	61 83
Improvement, Seaview avenue..	18 06
Improvement, Wilks street	99 78
Sewer, Larch avenue	4 05
Sewer, Marion place	3 40
Improvement, Jersey avenue	2,325 98
Sewer, Cambridge avenue	18 88
Sewer, Summit avenue	15 87
Improvement, Ege avenue	37 30
Improvement, Montgomery street	123 36
Sewer, Boyd avenue	3 67
Improvement, Union street	386 84
Sewer, Harmon street	9 45
Sewer, Garrison avenue	87
Improvement, St. Paul's avenue	57 76
Improvement, Hancock avenue.	10 64
Improvement, Lincoln street....	11 46
Sewer, Fifteenth street	2 07

Improvement, Pamrapo avenue	7,137 40
Sewer, Ege avenue	81
Sewer, Van Wagenen avenue	249 10
Sewer, Kearney avenue	3 75
Sewer, Columbia avenue	3 85
Improvement (grading), Lake street	139 31
Improvement (paving), Lake street	254 19
Improvement, Van Winkle avenue and Ferris street	155 92
Improvement, Oakland avenue.	177 49
Improvement, Orchard street	958 96
Sewer, South street	52 05
Sewer, Central avenue	864 25
Sewer, Tonnele avenue	655 67
Improvement, Virginia avenue.	4 91
Improvement, Cambridge avenue	5 04
Sewer, Nelson avenue	162 86
Sewer, Leonard street	94
Sewer, Bay Viey avenue	1 65
Improvement, Fairview avenue	62 49
Improvement, Claremont avenue	367 18
Sewer, Duncan avenue	271 50
Sewer, Myrtle avenue	3 67
Sewer, Ogden and Booraem avenues	286 95
Sewer, Irving street	1 16
Sewer, Cambridge avenue	1 28
Improvement, Prescott place	6 25
Total	$18,965 96

Mr. Simpson moved that when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Tuesday, August 3, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Tuesday, August 3, 1897, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Midlige—1.

The regular order of business was taken up.

Under a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Simpson, the Committee of the Whole, to whom were referred the communications from His Honor the Mayor, presented the following report:—

Jersey City, Aug. 3, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred a communication dated July 14, 1897, addressed to your honorable Board and signed "Edward Hoos, Mayor," respectfully report that upon mature consideration we have determined that the document is such a remarkable one in its way as to warrant a reply from your Board, which we have prepared and herewith submit with this report. When we were first apprised of the contents of the paper referred to, while engaged in the transaction of the business of the meeting of July 14th last, it was the sense of the four senior members of your Board, and so expressed, that as a message from the Chief Executive it was so peculiar in language, so pessimistic in tone, so lacking in the spirit of civic pride, so pitiable an exhibition of ignorance of the city government, so maliciously false in its charges against members of the present Board and so inimical to the credit and business honor of the city that it appeared impossible of belief that the present Executive could assume by his signature the responsibility for it. In our opinion its language and matter are more characteristic of the explosive utterances of a defeated candidate for the Mayoralty of some few years ago, already publicly expressed, to whom time has brought no solace, but whom defeat and repudiation by the very people whom he now attempts to delude under the cloak of the Executive signature, has so blinded that he has refused to acknowledge the existence of the era of local municipal prosperity enjoyed by this city and his fellow citizens during the last few years because it has resulted from the administration of a successful rival. His failure to become the Moses to take the city out of the wilderness of financial and municipal difficulties of five years ago has so embittered and warped his mind that he refuses to believe that it has overcome the storm of financial distress and has been brought safely into the harbor of sound financial prosperity by the advice and through the efforts of another than himself. That such a result has been accomplished without him surpasses his belief.

When the Executive message of July 14 was first read to us, we were so surprised at its warlike tone, so different indeed from anything before expressed by the present Executive to the members of your Board, either by word of mouth or in writing that we were at a loss to understand whether he or we had been imposed upon. But the manifest ignorences, incongruities and inconsistences in the document made it clear to our minds that the imposition had been practiced upon the Executive, and our first impulse was to return the document for correction. The whole trend of the statement being so erroneous, we felt that it was probable that during the seventy-five days spent by him in journeying through the mysticisms of municipal details, his guide had not discovered to him the information so easy to obtain and which would have prevented his assumption of the responsibility for such a message as that presented to your Board. But the enthusiasm displayed in sending forth its contents to the corners of the earth by carefully prepared and personally delivered copies to the daily local and even metropolitan press compels the members of this Board for the sake of the city's honor and credit and out of consideration for their individual reputations to spare neither language nor the feelings of the Executive, or his amanuensis in laying before the public the truth in all its nakedness and without play upon words, facts or figures. To our minds the consideration of municipal honor should be foremost in our public actions and utterances. To defend that honor, we feel to be a duty so sacred that we would trample down at any cost the slanders of those base enough to prostitute it for any temporary political advantage. We were indignant at the unwarranted manner in which the most important body of the city government has been arraigned before the bar of public criticism, without any apparent reason. We will allow no man to impugn our individual reputations as honest business men, citizens and officials. As a Board and as individuals, the welfare of the city is our pride, its credit and prosperity our joy. Our business interests, our homes and our private fortunes are invested within its confines. The official positions we hold are not lucrative but honorable; we did not solicit them, and many times the emolument could not recompense us in a financial way for the time and attention devoted to its affairs, so that we have come with deep regret to consider the matter of this communication of July 14, and have made our answer a narrative of incontrovertible facts. It is but fair to the junior member of this Board to say that as we take it, while the communication was directed to the Board as a whole, it is so worded and so carefully pointed as to leave no doubt in our minds

that it was intended more particularly for the undersigned. We have, therefore, considered it apart from him, and have neither invited him to become a party to our deliberations on this matter nor informed him of our conclusions as evidenced in this paper and the letter which accomplishes it.

Very respectfully,
HENRY BRAUTIGAM,
JAS. S. BAILEY,
H. L. KELLERS,
R. SIMPSON,
Committee of the Whole.

Following is the letter which accompanied the above report:—

Jersey City, N. J., July 27, 1897.
Hon. Edward Hoos, Mayor.

Dear Sir—A communication signed by you under date of July 14, was received by this Board at its meeting held on the same date and referred to the Committee of the Whole, who have reported this letter in reply. The language used in your communication is so strange, so unlike anything we have ever read or heard of in a municipal document, except during the heat of a political campaign, the statements made concerning the financial condition of the city and the conduct of its financial affairs so incorrect that the honor of the city, of this Board, and of its individual members has compelled us to make a complete answer as voluminous, if not more so in detail, than your paper and at least more indicative of a true knowledge of the affairs of the city government. We desire to say first of all that during our membership in this Board there has been absolutely no politics in the Board. We have neither been asked to do nor have we done anything to help either party; the financial interests of the city were in our hands and to be able to render a proper accounting of our stewardship we could brook no political interference in our proceedings. This document is subscribed to by four members of the Board, evenly divided in their political beliefs and affiliations.

The charter of Jersey City provides that no more than a majority of this Board shall belong to one political party. Each of us are as stalwart in our political beliefs as your Honor, but all of us refuse to prostitute the city's credit and honor for the temporary advantage of either party. Believing that politics should not be allowed to enter the proceedings of our Board, and having in our minds solely the proper conduct of the city's affairs within our control, we felt that we could aid any Executive in the work of properly managing the business of the city. Our experience in this Board has shown us that while it is usual for the disgruntled critics to tear down, it has always been the province of the official to build up; of the two the first is the easier task, but the most baneful in its results to the city, and it is with deep regret that we notice the foremost position which your Honor has taken in those ranks by your communication. Your immediate predecessor, while responsible for our occupancy of the positions we hold, did not avail himself of the opportunity presented him upon the expiration of the terms of two members of this Board, after the municipal election in April last, to change the partisan complexion of the Board to that of his own particular political faith, for the reason that he allowed experience and not politics to be the basis of fitness for membership in this Board.

We believe that your Honor has been imposed upon by someone enjoying your confidence, who for reasons of his own has placed you in an unpleasant light, and we might add an absurd position, even to the point of being ridiculous in the eyes of those acquainted with the true condition of the financial affairs of the city, of which you have the high honor of being the Chief Executive. The old charter of Jersey City in defining the powers and duties of the Mayor directs he shall from time to time convey his recommendations to the various Boards for their consideration upon matters pertinent to the scope of their departments. In all the records of the city we fail to find manifested such venom as that displayed in your communication of July 14. The Board of Finance is not only condemned, but it seems to be a general complaint against all the Boards with an apparent desire to force this Board to bear the responsibility for every thing about which you complain. With the general complaints we will deal generally; with the particular ones, specifically. While this will be difficult owing to the involved nature of your paper, we will attempt it.

Your communication opens with the charge that the city debt has been increased $777.917.23 since December 1, 1892. Why you selected December 1, 1892, as the basis of your comparison, we do not understand, as the personnel of the Board of that year and in fact the Board in office up to April, 1894, was not of the selection of your immediate predecessor, so that to be absolutely fair you should have compared the debt of the city on December 1, 1893, or December 1, 1894, with that on December 1, 1896, which would have shown the following:—

Gross debt December 1, 1893....$14,127,421.91
Gross debt December 1, 1894.... 14,267,561.97
Gross debt December 1, 1896.... 14,396,137 96

Not so much of an increase, but a much fairer comparison.

While we are on that subject an analysis of the city debt in 1892 and 1896 will show more clearly than in any other

way just how this increase has been created.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CITY ON DECEMBER 1, 1892

LIABILITIES (except water account).		
General account debt (Exhibit No. 23)	$7,618,091 03	
Assessment account debt (Exhibit No. 23)	4,828,500 00	
Temporary loans (Exhibit No. 24)	616,259 14	
Improvement certificates (Exhibit No. 32)	48,500 00	
		$13,111,350 17
Unexpended appropriations:—		
Fiscal year 1891 and 1892 (Exhibit No. 27)	$165,172 19	
Fiscal year 1890 and 1891 (Exhibit No. 29)	3,539 12	
Fiscal year 1889 and 1890 (Exhibit No. 28)	228 65	
Special appropriations (Exhibit No. 30)	64,704 05	
Special accounts (Exhibit No. 31)	30,280 09	
Interest on taxes, 1891	6,769 17	
Undivided liquor license fees	140,012 65	
		$410,705 92
Outstanding warrants:—		
Old Jersey City, general	$8,439 37	
Jersey City, general	9,518 95	
Jersey City, assessments	2,630 28	
Jersey City, special streets	257 50	
Jersey City, special bond account, No. 2	95 43	
		$20,914 53
Surplus moneys received from sales for adjusted taxes, assessments, etc	$6,626 63	
Certificates of value, outstanding	2,615 23	
Awards for opening Dey street	193 50	
Redemption of lots, old account	834 29	
Redemption of lots, adjusted taxes, etc	1,236 32	
City of Hoboken, Ravine Road sewer, collections	3,211 22	
Deposits, street improvements and sewers	967 70	
County Collector, taxes, 1891	57,740 10	
Advertising adjusted tax sales	3,686 50	
Taxes on property, redeemed under Martin Act	111 62	
		$77,223 11
		$13,620,220 73

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE CITY ON DECEMBER 1, 1896.

LIABILITIES (excepting water account).		
General account debt (Exhibit No. 27)	$8,535,188 05	
Assessment account debt (Exhibit No. 27)	4,218,000 00	
Temporary loans (Exhibit No. 28)	593,196 52	
One year improvement certificates (Exhibit No. 35)	102,000 00	
Six year improvement certificates, Laws of 1895 (Exhibit No. 36)	464,665 19	
Six year improvement certificates, Laws of 1894 (Exhibit No. 3	14,864 21	
		$13,927,913 88
Unexpended appropriations (Exhibit No. 31)	$223,265 49	
Unexpended special receipts (Exhibit No. 32)	9,526 82	
		$232,892 31
Undivided liquor licenses	115,645 36	
New City Hall Commission	$42,914 26	
Special school account	23,855 00	
Special street improvements	6,568 36	
		$73,337 62
Outstanding warrants:—		
Old Jersey City, general	$8,439 37	
Jersey City, general	21,969 72	
Jersey City, assessment	5,865 27	
Jersey City, special street	732 80	
Jersey City, special bond account No. 2	95 43	
		$37,102 59
Unclaimed surplus monies, received from sales for unpaid adjusted taxes, assessments, etc. (Exhibit No. 32)	$2,129 95	
Certificates of value, outstanding	2,615 23	
Awards for opening Dey street	193 50	
		$4,938 68
Redemption of lots, old account	$761 35	
Redemption of lots, adjusted taxes, etc	1,760 92	
Deposits for street improvements and sewers	813 65	
		$3,335 92
Deposits, account of Martin Act lands sold at auction:—		
October 31, 1894	$350 00	
January 30, 1895	85 00	
March 25, 1896	2,536 60	
		$2,971 60
		$14,398,137 96

The Comptroller's report for the year ending December 1, 1893, shows that during that year the city issued bonds and certificates to the amount of $2,339,833.04 and paid $1,989,920.05, leaving the bonded debt at the close of the year increased in the sum of $113,000 over the previous year. The Comptroller states as follows:—

"The increased outstanding amounts of improvements certificates, temporary loans (account of taxes) and tax redemption bonds cause this increase."

This statement is annually applicable to the gradual increase each year. In that year the first item in the list of liabilities showed that the general account debt had increased to the sum of $7,964,427.29. In 1894 we find that this item, which is the actual bonded indebtedness of the city, had become $8,850,743.21, an increase of $346,336.91 in 1893, and of $1,232,652.88 in 1894 over that of 1892. In 1895 we find this item to be $8,599,790.84, a decrease of $250,952.38 over 1894, and on December 1, 1896, this item is $8,535,188.05, a decrease of $64,602.79 over 1895, and of $314,-973.17 over 1894, so that if it was your intention to place the responsibility for the increase in the city debt upon your predecessor and the Boards of his selection your statement is without merit, as it is well known that during the years May 1, 1892, to May 1, 1894, this Board was not of his selection and the city was engaged in meeting liabilities previously contracted. The analysis also shows that the Boards from 1894 to the present date have been reducing the actual term bonded debt and not increasing it as you intimate. It might be well to recall to your Honor that since 1892 bonds to the sum of $900,000 have been issued for the erection, construction and furnishing the new City Hall; bonds have also been issued in the sums of $5,000 to aid the State in paying for the new Fourth Regiment Armory; $8,000 new engine house in Greenville section of the city; $12,000 new engine house in old Fourth district section. Moreover by the operation of the acts of 1894 and 1895, known as the improvement laws an additional assessment account debt has been created as a reference to the comparison of the city debt in 1892 and 1896 also given will show. The second item of the debt statement of December 1, 1892, shows that the assessment account debt (Exhibit No. 23) was $4,828,500. Improvement certificates (Exhibit No. 32), $48,500. While on December 1, 1896, we find these items to be as follows:—

Assessment account debt, Exhibit No. 27....	$4,218,000 00
One year improvement certificates, Exhibit No. 35.....	102,000 00
Six year improvement certificates, Laws of 1895, Exhibit No. 36	464,665 10
Six year improvement certificates, Laws of 1894, Exhibit No. 3..	14,864 21

Hence we find that while the old assessment account debt has been reduced $610,000 since 1892 the improvement certificate debt which was only $48,500 in 1892, has become $581,529.32, an increase of $533,029.31 in the improvement certificate debt, but actually a decrease of $28,470.69 in the total assessment account and improvement certificate debt of the year 1896 below that of 1892. But it must be evident to your Honor that the city debt can properly increase annually if you will consider an item in the annual debt statement under the cover of bonded debt and temporary loans, and that is the annual deficiency of unpaid taxes, in anticipation of the collection of which bonds are annually issued. In looking back to the year 1892 we find that the amount of bonds issued to meet this deficiency is as follows:—

1892	$412,000 00
1893	325,000 00
1894	253,000 00
1895	250,000 00

The total of which $1,240,000 00 has become part of the city debt as quoted by you for the year ending December 1, 1896. We are, therefore, confronted with a conclusion that the amount of liabilities included in the statement of the gross debt on December 1, 1896, has increased over that of 1892 as follows:—

1. City Hall bonds.....	$900,000 00
2. Engine House and Armory bonds.....	25,000 00
3. Tax arrearage and temporary loan bonds issued in anticipation of the collection of unpaid taxes of the years 1892-1895, inclusive....	1,240,000 00
4. Increase in improvement certificate debt, Laws of 1894 and 1895.....	533,029 33

Making a total of $2,689,029.31 of an increase, while, according to your own statement, the actual increase in the debt is $777,917.23.

But you add that "during the five years ending May 1, 1897, there were collected of taxes and assessments, levied prior to December 1, 1892, and adjusted under the Martin act, the sum of $2,254,087.87. The total amount of cash in all the sinking funds of Jersey City on May 1, 1897, was $45,350.01. It is here apparent that at least $2.202,737.86 of the money collected under the Martin Act was not used as it should have been, to decrease the city's debt, or that if it was so used other debt has been created in place of that extinguished."

We feel sure that your Honor did not appreciate the full effect of the intimation conveyed by the words quoted or you would never have dared to use them in connection with this Board. In order that the utter absurdity of the statement may be fully demonstrated both for your Honor's correct knowledge of the past and the present and guidance for the future, it will be necessary to explain as clearly as possible the financial system of Jersey City.

The expenses of the government of Jersey City are met by what is commonly known as the annual tax levy. The char-

ter of Jersey City requires that the Board of Finance in July of each year shall fix the amounts to be raised by taxation for the maintenance of the several departments. This levy is the basis of direct taxation upon real and personal property for the annual governmental expenses. The several departments in June of each year forward to this Board their estimates of the probable expenses for the year beginning December the first, following, which date is the beginning of the fiscal year of the city and which ends November the 30th of the succeeding year. The estimates so submitted are considered by this Board and before August 1 the amounts to be allowed each department are determined and the levy completed. When completed the levy not only contains the appropriations for the various Boards but also the amounts necessary to meet the annual interest charges and the pro rata due on bonds outstanding to create sinking funds for the redemption of these when they fall due; as for example in the case of the $100,000 of school bonds lately issued to run for a period of thirty years, two percentum, $2,000, annually appropriated to the sinking fund account will, if invested by the Board having charge of that branch of the city's finances, create a fund sufficient to redeem the issue at maturity, thirty years hence. Hence in the annual appropriation designated "For Sinking Funds," sufficient percentum is annually provided to eventually wipe out the city debt. Provision is also made annually for the redemption of all or part of bonds falling due during the year of the levy; for all, if the amount be not too large. If the amount be too large partial payment is made, and the balance is refunded at maturity, at a lower rate of interest. So then the levy includes (1) appropriations for the various needs of the several city departments, and (2) provision for the annual interest charges on the city debt, the amount necessary for sinking funds and the whole or part of the sum required to meet bonds falling due in that year. Upon the completion of that part of the levy, the amount to be received from the State for school purposes, which is computed by the State upon the basis of school population, number of teachers employed in the schools, etc., is ascertained and the total of the levy reduced that amount. In addition the amount to be received from the State as Jersey City's part of the railroad taxes levied and collected by the State is also ascertained, and the total of the levy still further reduced by that amount. Then in accordance with the provisions of a statute approved March 27, 1884, one-ninth of the total levy is added and the total then obtained is the amount to be raised and expended for municipal purposes. That ends the duty and responsibility of the Board of Finance in the matter. If provision is made in the levy for every known expense pertinent to it during the coming year after the levy is made, you must concede that our full duty has been performed.

With the rate we have nothing to do. That is determined by the Board of Tax Commissioners in this way: Annually the latter body make the assessments upon real and personal property; about July annually the County Board of Equalization convenes and the local assessors of all the municipalities in the county report the result of their labors to that Board. When the County Board has completed its scrutiny of the assessments the City Board of Tax Commissioners completes its books for presentation to the Board of Finance for confirmation, which usually occurs in November.

As soon as the books are complete and the totals obtained it is within the province of the Tax Board to strike the city rate. This is arrived at by dividing the tax levy by the total amount of assessments and the decimal result obtained is the city rate. As per example the tax levy for the years 1896-1897 was $1,741,808.41; the total amount of ratables was $89,020,676; by dividing $1,741,808.41 by $89,020,676, we obtain the city rate for the year. In the meanwhile the County and State school authorities have made the rates for county and State school purposes and the total rates make up the total tax rate upon the real and personal property in Jersey City for all purposes, State, county and city. So that your Honor's references to reductions of the tax rate is not applicable to our Board as the matter is not within our jurisdiction. Since 1891 the ratables have been as follows:—

	Ratables	Tax Rate.
1891-2.....	$84,708,795	$28.40
1892-3.....	85,018,595	28.40
1893-4.....	85,101,055	27.50
1894-5.....	87,114,770	27.50
1895-6.....	89,339,622	27.50
1896-7.....	89,020,676	27.40

So that since 1891 ratables have increased $5,311,881, while the tax rate has decreased $1.00 per thousand; an annual average increase of less than $900,000, in ratables and of $0.16 per thousand of assessed valuations. During the same period the Building Inspector's reports show that the increase in the value of new and improved buildings was upwards of $9,000,000. Therefore your charge that the tax rate has been decreased by increasing valuations is not sustained and the taxpayers have not been deluded and the reductions have been accomplished in a way praiseworthy and lawful. Millions have not been added to the ratables by raising

valuations as the figures already quoted prove beyond dispute. It is but another of the series of absurdities with which your Honor's communication glitters. It is clear then that to operate the city government it is necessary that every dollar of taxes should be paid into the City Treasury annually. If the whole of the taxes are not collected there must be a deficiency. The obligations have to be met and the money must be found with which to meet them. As a matter of fact not more than seventy-five or eighty per centum is collected, so that late in August or early in September annually the City is short of cash, and temporary loan bonds are issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes unpaid up to that time. The money obtained from the sale of these temporary loans is used to maintain the city government and to liquidate its obligations as they become due until the beginning of the succeeding fiscal year. At the end of the year of their issue, or soon after, these temporary loans are merged into tax arrearage bonds of that year and have a term of not less than five years. All taxes of that year unpaid at the time of the issue of these bonds if subsequently paid, go into a fund which is immediately created and become tax arrearage funds of that year to be used for the redemption of these bonds at maturity. If the taxes continue unpaid for the term of two years, proceedings are taken by the city under the Martin Act to realize upon these assets and the amount obtained becomes part of the tax arrearage fund for the year. The tax arrearage bonds cannot be redeemed until they mature and the fund being in the control of the Board of Sinking Fund Commissioners is invested by them in order that it may earn money until the maturity of the bonds. So that it can readily be seen that even though the city did collect $2,254,087.87 of taxes and assessments under the Martin Act from December 1, 1892, to May 1, 1897, the city gross debt might not have decreased one dollar, but if the money stands to the credit of the Sinking Fund while invested in securities easily convertible into cash at any time to be used for redeeming bonds at maturity, the city is equally as well off.

Your play upon the word "cash" in connection with the amount of sinking funds is not only unbecoming but from a business man is beyond comprehension. Before your retirement from business did you consider your credit to only equal the amount of cash you had upon deposit without any consideration for the capital invested in your business and stock? If our Sinking Fund Commissioners do not invest in the city securities, who will? The charter stipulates that as Mayor you are an ex-officio member of the Sinking Fund. If you had attended one of their meetings you would have ascertained that they have $2,258,095.57 invested in securities as follows:—

SINKING FUND COMMISSION.

Sinking Funds.	Cash and Securities, Dec. 1, 1891.	Bonds Paid Dec. 1, '91, to May 1, '97.	Interest Paid Dec. 1, '91, to May 1, '97.	Cash May 1, '97.	Securities May 1, '97.
Funds 1873	$198,366 43	$520,643 64	$2,829 46	$1,130 66	$51,000 00
Tax Arrearage Fund	31,474 08	901,000 00	157,532 08	75 44	.....
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888	30,354 29	185,000 00	81,744 89	1,626 60	.....
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889	48,256 10	299,500 00	66,621 35	6,175 80	48,406 39
Sinking Fund, 1882, No. 1	68,415 22	.....	.....	1,800 05	111,000 00
Water Sinking Fund, 1916	14,000 00	.....	.....	27 48	85,305 00
Water Sinking Fund, 1921	7,000 00	.....	.....	842 79	43,041 32
Sinking Fund, 1882, No. 2	130,320 87	.....	.....	1,650 17	241,487 09
Water Sinking Fund	87,659 66	.....	.....	1,442 13	176,000 00
Sinking Fund, 1889, No. 1	160,373 02	.....	.....	4,677 38	255,739 54
Sinking Fund, 1899, No. 2	638,714 32	661,656 36	.....	.....	.....
Sinking Fund, 1888	1,436 87	6,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Sinking Fund, April 1, 1916	.....	.....	.....	2,080 24	187,000 00
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890	.....	264,000 00	108,500 00	3,408 54	.....
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1891	.....	65,000 00	79,091 49	4,034 88	271,933 94
Sinking Fund, Sept. 1, 1893	.....	6,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Sinking Fund, Aug. 27, 1895	.....	6,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Sinking Fund, Jan. 1, 1895	.....	30,500 00	.....	.....	.....
Sinking Fund, Jan. 1, 1897	.....	700,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Sinking Fund, Jan. 1, 1922	.....	.....	.....	1,238 91	85,056 11
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1892	.....	.....	48,991 28	6,792 87	270,137 87
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1893	.....	.....	19,072 59	4,943 62	92,791 72
Sinking Fund, Sept. 1, 1923	.....	.....	.....	994 16	54,000 00
Sinking Fund, May 1, 1924	.....	.....	.....	848,31	22,000 00
Sinking Fund, July 24, 1901	.....	.....	.....	157 80	3,000 00
Sinking Fund, Sept. 10, 1902	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,000 00
Water Sinking Fund, 1922	.....	.....	.....	394 95	33,542 29
Water Sinking Fund, 1923	.....	.....	.....	733 84	16,000 00
Water Sinking Fund, 1925	.....	.....	.....	273 39	7,000 00
					$2,055,441 27
Cash, May 1, 1897					45,350 01
Totals	$1,416,370 86	$2,955,300 00	$564,413 14	$45,350 01	$2,100,791 28

But the most effectual answer to this attack and to your letter is the fact that within a week after its publication and while it was still fresh in the public mind, reputable bankers, whose business requires an exact knowledge of the financial affairs of the city, purchased Jersey City securities at public sale, bearing only four per centum interest, at $102.234.

When you recall that in the winter of 1892 the city could hardly float a six per cent. bond at par and shortly before your entry into office sold four and one-half per cent. bonds at a premium sufficient to warrant making subsequent issues bear only four percentum, and then after your induction into office, with an attack upon our financial system and the conduct of our financial affairs, recently made, bonds at four per centum are actually sold at a premium, the effect of your communication is evident.

You further charge that Martin Act monies have been used for current expenses.

Martin Act monies are paid up delinquencies of three kinds: taxes, water rents and assessments.

The water account is a continuous fund, consequently arrearages of water rents when collected under the Martin Act go into the water account and are used as money collected. This is proper, as the expenses of the Water Department are paid out of the receipts, and if the arrearages are large the receipts of each succeeding year go to pay the claims contracted during the preceding year.

This is also the case with assesment arrearages. When these are collected they are deposited to the credit of the assessment account and are used in making improvements, which is the same course as that taken with collections promptly made on every improvement.

In the case of arrearages of taxes, when collected under the Martin Act, the proceeding is different. The moneys received are apportioned according to the separate years for which they were previously unpaid. This is done by the City Comptroller and periodically he forwards a statement of the arrearages paid under the Martin Act, and a resolution is passed ordering the money transferred to the several tax arrearage funds, previously referred to, over which it extends. The Martin Act collections of unpaid taxes therefore become part of the sinking funds and are invested by that Board to be used to retire the several issues of tax arrearage bonds upon maturity, or at least to reduce them.

It must be evident then that this Board has neither the power nor the opportunity to use these monies for current expenses, and your charge is as utterly without foundation as the others previously disposed of.

To our minds there is no more conclusive evidence that your Honor has been imposed upon than exists in the following statement made by you:—"The duty of fixing the amount to be raised by taxation for municipal uses in Jersey City during the year commencing December 1, 1897, devolves upon you and under the law that power is almost absolute. As Mayor I have not any authority to revise your determination. Four members of your Board were appointed by my immediate predecessor and I am not in any sense responsible for the tax levy as you may determine it. The law not having invested me with power to control or review your action, and the personnel of your Board not being of my selection, I approach with diffidence suggestion of the policy you should pursue."

If it was the intention of your Honor or of your legal adviser to confuse the public mind as to your responsibility in the matter of the tax levy now completed, your statement is a very clever piece of political chicanery. If your intention was to throw the whole responsibility of the making of the levy upon this Board, as a matter of good political diplomacy and escape thereby any criticism for the sake of political advantage, for a duty you have sworn to assume, your statement is a model of ingenuity. But it is not the purpose of this Board, and we can hardly believe it to be your Honor's desire to connive at such a reckless disregard of your duty and responsibilities as Mayor. The charter of Jersey City, passed in 1889, and unchanged up to the present time, in speaking of the veto power of the Mayor says:—

VETO POWER.

Sec. 19. "That the Mayor of any city shall have the right to veto the acts of any Board provided for in this act, or any other Board in any such city, and copies of all resolutions or other matters duly certified shall be furnished to the Mayor of every such city and he shall have ten days in which to consider them in each case before signing or returning them to the Boards respectively with his objections; the Mayor shall have the power to veto any item or items contained in any ordinance or resolution appropriating money for any purpose, and to approve of the residue of such ordinance or resolution; any board may pass any resolution or other matter notwithstanding the objections of the Mayor by a vote of two-thirds of all the members thereof."

It is clear to everyone that your Honor has the right and power to disapprove of any or every item in the tax levy if you so desire. If your Honor approves of any item your responsibility is the same as ours, or if you allow it to become effective without action, but if your Honor vetoes any item or set of items and four

members of this Board vote to approve the items notwithstanding your objections then and only then does the responsibility become solely ours.

We may as well advise your Honor that when the levy is submitted to you for consideration and action, we will not submit to any trifling with technicalities such as has been perpetrated upon us in the case of your veto of the appointment of the water experts. We will not allow the people to be deluded by a wholesale veto of the items; it is your duty to approve of those fixed by existing law and to share with us the responsibility of their determination. In case of your disapproval of any or a number of items we shall expect that you suggest what should be substituted and the reasons therefor. If our Board reject your recommendation, and override your veto the responsibility will be ours and will be assumed by us.

We now come to your charge that "it is a fact that your Board yielding to clamor for large appropriations to the different departments, has omitted from the tax levy items which should have been inserted." We challenge you to indicate upon what the charge is based. It is very easy to use high sounding language and dealing in glittering generalities to make such a charge, but to be fair and honest you should have indicated wherein we were at fault. Surely your Honor must have some alleged foundation for the charge. We can discover none unless it be the use of the unappropriated one-quarter of license monies to reduce the amount to be raised for sinking funds in the tax levy of 1896-1897. This matter was fully ventilated by the late Grand Jury, and if there was merit in the charge why were no indictments found?

This Board has never set itself right upon the matter, but as you have brought it up we will do so now. Prior to the enactment of the 1889 charter all license fees received by Jersey City under the charter of 1871 and its supplements, went into the Sinking Fund. The passage of the high license act had increased these receipts to such an extent that the Legislature of 1889 in section 12 of the charter of that year provided that one-half of the amount of license fees should be devoted to a fund for the "repairing, repaving and improving of streets, avenues and public places that have before been paved, &c." Section 29 of the same act provided that one quarter of these fees should be devoted to a fund to be used for the construction and furnishing of buildings for the Public School department. Nothing was stipulated regarding the other one-quarter and it became an unappropriated fund. Prior to the last year it was the custom to set this money aside to the credit of the Sinking Fund. Not that there was any specific legislation directing such a proceeding, but because the money was not needed for any other purpose. Last year it was the sense of this Board that as the levy annually provides for all necessary sinking funds and interest charges in addition, the added one-ninth of its total is seldom or ever drawn upon to any great extent, and also finds its way into the Sinking Fund, the amount to be raised by taxation should be decreased by this surplus fund, and it was appropriated to the credit of the Sinking Fund in the tax levy and the amount to be raised for Sinking Fund purposes decreased accordingly. The money was used for the purpose as appropriated and there was no evasion or attempt to escape providing for our liabilities. The total of the tax levies made since 1891 has been as follows:—

1891-1892	$2,084.259.54
1892-1893	2,128,151.88
1893-1894	1,979,693,03
1894-1895	2,054,727.49
1895-1896	2,086,472.83
1896-1897	2,043,861.31

So that we find that the tax levy for the current year was $40,398.23 less in its total than that of the year 1891-1892, which shows how untrue is your statement that Boards have been favored with increased appropriations. We also find that in 1891-1892 there was no provision for the pay of the Engineering Department, a very necessary provision of the levy, and which amounts to the sum of $14,000 annually. It is provided for in the levy of 1896-1897. A comparison of the details of the two levies shows many interesting facts. The interest account which was $664,214.39 in 1891-1892, has decreased to $546,694.38 in 1896-1897. The salary account of the various Boards have increased and decreased as follows:—

Street and Water Board, increase, $12,220 08

This is due to the provisions for the salaries of the Engineering Bureau and cutting off the Street Inspector's salary, $2,000 per annum.

	Increase.	Decrease.
Aldermen	.08	
Police	$23,522.08	
Fire	35,601.08	
Education	54,085.12	
Tax		$500.00
Sinking Fund	1,300.00	
Finance		19,359.92

These amounts are still further increased by the enforcement of the compulsory legislation providing for a full paid fire department and by the creation of the Board of Appeals and City Hall Commissioners and its employes. In no case has the increase been due except in the case of the Sinking Fund to higher salaries but to more employes.

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If we are to have complete fire and police protection we have to pay for it, and every new school increases the cost of the educational department. These are increases that are to be expected and for which every one is satisfied to pay. So that of the increase of some $160,000 in the salary account in 1896-1897 over 1891-1892, to which you have recently called attention, some $114,208.28 is for the police, fire and educational departments.

Your Honor's inconsistency continually surprises us. As has been already stated you have recently called public attention to what you evidently consider an alarming increase in the salary account of the city government and which has just been explained. Yet one of your first official acts was to appoint an Assistant Corporation Attorney at a salary of $1,500 per annum thereby creating a new office and an addition to the salary account without any return to the city for the expenditure. Neither the Corporation Counsel nor Attorney has asked for assistance and they do not pretend that they are in need of any. We cannot believe that your Honor would attempt to compensate anyone for political or personal advantage by insisting upon provision being made for such an office.

A WORD ABOUT PARKS.

Your Honor's suddenly discovered opposition to the parks is a revelation to this Board, as the warrants providing for the payment for the land acquired were signed by you, after a lengthy investigation. If you were opposed to the purchase of park sites you could very easily have refused to sign the warrants or vetoed them, as you are empowered to do by Chapter CCCXXI, Laws of 1895, page 639. If we are to have parks the land must be purchased while it is not very valuable. Do you think that the city could afford, if Hamilton or Van Vorst Parks did not exist, to pay at the present time the price that would be exacted for the land they now occupy? In addition when you consider that the land surrounding these park sites is so enhanced in value that the annual interest upon the bonds issued for their purchase and the provision for their redemption is more than made up, the city is more than compensated for the outlay.

In the matter of improvements the answer to your charge that no provision has been made for the portion of their costs assessed upon the city is that until recently the amount was so small that it was carried by the assessment account. Even at the present time it amounts to some $18,000, and will be provided for in the next tax levy. Not so startling a condition of affairs when the truth is known.

As to your proposition that existing laws be disregarded and salaries reduced below the amount fixed by those statutes, we feel that we are not above the dictation of the people of this city. The present pay of the firemen and policemen was first fixed by legislation and then accepted by popular vote. Our public school teachers and principals are not well paid and as a rule, with a few certain exceptions, city officials are not overpaid, at least those provided for in the tax levy. When the tax levy is presented to your Honor, if you desire to declare what each official, firemen, policemen and school teacher should be paid, without regard to the provisions of existing statutes, that is your privilege. We must decline to so endanger the legality of the tax levy. We must also decline to involve the city into such an era of useless and expensive litigation. Such a proposition might have been made more becomingly by a litigation seeking lawyer. Its absurdity is so great that we decline to further discuss it or your communication.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BRAUTIGAM,
JAMES S. BAILEY,
H. L. KELLERS,
REUBEN SIMPSON.

Mr. Simpson moved that the report of the Committee of the Whole be received and adopted and spread in full upon the minutes; that a copy of the letter accompanying said report be sent to His Honor the Mayor, and that the communication from His Honor the Mayor, presented to this Board July 14, 1897 (and referred to the Committee of the Whole) be spread in full upon the minutes.

The motion of Mr. Simpson was adopted by the votes of all the members present—4.

The communication from His Honor the Mayor, received by this Board on July 14, 1897, and referred to the Committee of the Whole, is as follows:—

Mayor's Office, Jersey City, N. J.,
July 14, 1897.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Desiring that for the knowledge of the past and present, and guidance in the future, there should be obtained an exact statement of the city's financial condition, I requested certain information from the City Comptroller on May 7. His answers, with detail exhibits, are herewith sent you. On December 1, 1892, the gross debt of the city amounted to $13,620,220.73. On December 1, 1896, this amount had been increased to $14,398,173.96. This shows an increase in the debt of $777,917.23. The exhibits further show that during the five years ending May 1, 1897, there were collected, of taxes and assessments levied prior to December 1, 1892, and adjusted under the Martin Act the sum of $2,254,087.87. The total amount of cash in all the sinking funds of Jersey City on May 1, 1897, was $45,350.01. It is here apparent that at least $2,208,737.86 of the money collected under the Martin Act was not used, as it should have been, to decrease the city's debt, or that if it

was so used, other debt has been created in place of that extinguished. If the amount of compromised liens had been applied to the reduction of the city debt, and new debt avoided, the gross debt would have been reduced over $2,000,000, instead of being increased nearly $800,000. While it will be disappointing to the public to learn that the sinking funds, which were, during the late municipal campaign, loudly and persistently claimed to represent an accumulation of over $2,000,000, and have in them but $45,650.01 in cash, it is even more serious to find that the money collected under the Martin Act has been diverted from the uses intended by the law. The money has not been used in street improvements. The amount of improvement certificates outstanding December 1, 1892, was $48,500. On May 1, 1897, this had grown to $652,260.30. The total cost of improvements made in the five years ending May 1, 1897, was $1,285,926.33. The amount collected from assessments for these improvements being $415,888.96, and there being outstanding $652,260.30 of certificates issued on account of the improvements, it is evident that the $2,254,087.87 collected under the Martin Act was not used in paying for improvements. It was not used to reduce the city debt, and I am forced to the conclusion that a very considerable portion, if not all, of the money thus collected has been used, directly or indirectly, to pay the ordinary or extraordinary expenses of the city government. To collect money under the Martin Act, put it in a sinking fund, and then borrow the money on a demand note, probably never to be demanded or paid, may make the road to disbursement easier, but it is not good policy. What becomes of the announcements of reductions of the city debt, of payment of all sorts of bonds, with which a partisan press has been deluded, or attempted to delude the people of this town, when the fact is displayed that a gross debt which could have been reduced $2,000,000 in the past five years has been increased $800,000? If it is answered that the collections under the "Martin Act" were used to pay the city debt, this will be but juggling with figures, for a dollar of debt must have been created for every dollar paid. The truth is that boasted reductions in the tax rate have been figured out by the evasion of duty. It is a fact that your Board, yielding to clamor for large appropriations to the different departments, has omitted from the tax levy items which should have been inserted. This can lead to but one result. It may deceive the people for a time, but it is really mortgaging the future. The tax budgets made by your Board have not been made upon rules which will square with honest dealing with the city's creditors. Reductions in the rate have been made in a way neither praiseworthy nor lawful. This should not be repeated. The first item to be placed in the levy should be a sum covering every dollar necessary to pay the interest on the city debt and reduce that debt in the manner required by law. To do this, is a duty; to avoid it is to trifle with the city's credit. It may be that the result will be an unpleasant awakening to those who have encouraged extravagance, but your Board can forego any tenderness on this score. The duty of fixing the amount to be raised by taxation for municipal uses in Jersey City during the year commencing December 1, 1897, devolves upon you, and, under the law, that power is almost absolute. As Mayor, I have not any authority to revise your determination. Four members of your Board were appointed by my immediate predecessor and I am not in any sense responsible for the tax levy as you may determine it. The law not having invested me with any power to control or review your action, and the personnel of your Board being not of my selection, I approach with diffidence suggestion of the policy you should pursue. The annual burdens of taxpayers in this city are too heavy. For years the burden has steadily increased. The rate of taxation has been kept below three per cent. by adding millions to the ratables, not through inclusion of improvements, but mainly by raising valuations. The rate of taxation for county purposes has also steadily increased, and the double consequence has been that this city is forced to pay more than its share of the county taxes. It is, therefore, plain that any attempt to decrease the tax rate by increasing valuations will only result in an increase of burdens. Taxpayers care little about the rate. Their concern is with the amount of money they have to pay to support the government, and they cannot be misled by a reduced rate obtained by increasing valuations. The avenue to reduction of municipal burdens in Jersey City has been made very difficult by legislation. When application is made to the powers at Trenton for the doing of justice, for equal taxation or for power to economically obtain a supply of water, we are treated as strangers in a strange land, but this apparent coldness grows to fervid warmth when some one conceives it to be his duty to ask for power to increase the bonded indebtedness or the cost of city government. We have been authorized to issue bonds for every whim that has found advocates. Bonds for a City Hall, bonds for engine houses, bonds for deficiencies, bonds for increase of salaries—power to issue these ad libitum has been had for the asking. It seems that the legislative mind is imbued with the idea that the royal road to municipal prosperity is paved with bonds, and that no con-

sideration is given to the fact that there must come a day of payment. No better illustration of this plan of mortgaging the future presents itself than is found in the recent purchase of "park sites." In each case a site was selected in a part of the city where no rational man will say that there is congestion of population. These parks are to be ornaments. They are not called for by any necessity. Those who will visit them will not do so to find relief from the air of crowded tenements. We could well have waited for the time when we could afford parks without neglecting matters more essential to the advancement of the city. The amount expended for these ornaments, and the amounts that will be necessary for their maintenance could have been far better applied in perfecting our sewer system, or repaving streets, or paying our debts. I am satisfied that the expenses of the government of this city can be greatly reduced without interference with efficiency. The growth of expenditure has far outrun increase in population and ratables. You should abolish every sinecure, and see that the city receives from its employes the same value in service that they would have to render to private employers. The cost of every department can and should be reduced. The custom has grown of applying to the Legislature to fix minimum figures for the salaries of public officers. Than this nothing can be more unwise. Every city should be allowed to determine, through its municipal officers, what salaries shall be paid. A consideration of the statutes passed for the purpose of taking from our municipal government power to regulate its own expenses shows that, if economy is to be effected, these statutes must be disregarded. I, therefore, suggest that, in fixing the above appropriations for any department you determine, fully considering the burdens of our public debt, the amount of money with which an economical Board, desirous of advancing none but the common interests, can have performed the duties of its department. Appropriate this, and let statutory restriction be made a matter for subsequent adjustment. If this leads to friction with other departments, the result will nevertheless be beneficial to the people, who have recently demanded, in very certain tones, that the costs of our municipal government be decreased. It has been generally announced in the public press that the Legislature of 1897 was kind enough to increase the amount to be received by Jersey City this year, from the taxation of railroad and canal property. This is not true. What the Legislature did was to give us stones instead of bread, and the receipt of even the pittance granted by Chapter 69 of the Laws of 1897 will not come this year, as the act does not take effect until November 1, 1897. This means that the first money under this act will not be received by Jersey City until after the first of January, 1899, and you must, therefore, make the appropriations for 1897-8 as though this act had not been passed. The appropriations for your own Board are so related to the city debt that they cannot be greatly reduced, but some reduction can be well effected by careful revision. During the past three years very large amounts have been paid for extra services of counsel. This could have been saved. I find that last year and during several years previous, your Board and other Boards have frequently violated the law in the following manner:—The annual appropriations are made for the fiscal year, commencing December 1. To pay out of any annual appropriation any claim for materials furnished or services rendered in the ordinary management of the city affairs during the previous fiscal year is a crime for which a severe penalty is fixed by statute. Disregarding this statute, it has grown to be almost a custom to exhaust the appropriations continued to contract indebtedness and to pay the claims out of the next year's appropriations. In view of the fact that the doing of just this thing has been held indictable by the highest court in the State, and that its doing must have attracted the attention of a properly managed law department, I am surprised that the practice has been so long continued. Examinations have disclosed the offense. I am in doubt as to my duty in the premises. If it had occurred during my term I would declare that it was my duty to take steps toward the removal of the officials who voted for such illegal payments. But whether what has been done is to be reviewed or not, the practice must stop. The government must, each year, be run within the appropriation of that year, and it will be my duty to interpose a veto to any future evasion of the law. Obedience to the law will produce inconvenience this year in at least one department, the appropriation for which is nearly exhausted, but this does not offer an excuse for further violation of the statute. In performing your duty you will be met with the obstruction of journalistic misrepresentation. The "Evening Journal" of the 9th instant editorially expressed its regret that the present "administration" would not allow a reduction in the tax rate. So far as the fixing of that rate is concerned, there is not any change in the "administration." The same article stated that the appropriation for the Finance Department would have to be largely increased, but omitted to say that this increase is demanded to meet the fact that last year the tax rate was reduced by the omission of the items to reduce the city debt, the

insertion of which is demanded by law. In the matter of outlay for city improvements, the position is very unpleasant. The City Comptroller gives the cost of improvements made in the five years ending May 1, 1897, at $1,285,926.33. The assessments for benefits amounted to $766,274.44, and the improvement certificates outstanding sum up $652,260.30. It is plain that, of the cost of the improvements made in these five years, not one dollar of the amount to be paid by the city at large has been paid or provided for. This is not a cheering legacy, but is one upon which the people must be informed. Other improvements ordered before last May will largely increase this floating indebtedness, and as these amounts cannot be put in the tax levy, it is evident that, to meet expenditures made during the five years ending May 1, 1897, the bonded debt of the city will eventually be largely increased. To find that not a penny of the city's share of the cost of improvements during five years has been paid or provided for is startling. This could have been avoided by proper management. There has not been a levy made in the past five years in which there have not been included unnecessary allowances to the different departments more than sufficient to have retired one-fifth of the present floating indebtedness. If improvements are to continue, and there are many that seem imperatively necessary, we must learn to pay as we go. In the performance of your duty, involving scrutiny of all claims of other departments, I suggest that you may be efficiently aided by consultation with many private citizens who are largely interested in our municipal government. It is impossible that you should, between the presentation of estimates and determination, give the careful examination necessary to proper conclusion. There would, therefore, be no impropriety in asking the aid of fellow citizens to committees of whom the requested appropriations might be referred for examination and report. If, in order to guard the city's credit it is necessary to insert items omitted from previous levies, let the fact be frankly stated, so that the people may know just how the budget is arrived at. I cannot control the action of your Board in the premises, but in every step that you take toward a more economical government of the city, you may be assured of my most earnest cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

The Board then adjourned on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance, held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Wednesday, August 4, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The reading of the minutes of previous meetings was dispensed with, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

A communication was received from the Committee on Parks, Citizens' Association of Lafayette, Jersey City, requesting the Board of Finance to examine into the feasibility of adopting certain lots now held by the city to uses of a park for the benefit of the citizens. The lots are located in Blocks 590-591, 672, 673 and 674, facing on Pacific and Carteret avenues, and Halladay and Canal streets, in the district adjacent to Lafayette and Claremont.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

Petition of William Harney & Son, for the return of $10, overcharged for water rents, year 1896.

Petition of H. Lutjen, for the return of $3, for overcharge for water rents, 1897.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and referred to their appropriate committees:—

T. C. Hartman, $20; E. T. Morgan, $6.75; Chas. H. Dayton, $49.75; Geo. B. Fielder, $37.72; Evening Journal Association, $15.75 and $225.; International Bank Note Co., $450; A. Datz, $90 and $58; W. W. Chilver, $26; Jersey City News, $44 and J. W. Harrison, $18.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Clerk.

Jersey City, August 4, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I hereby appoint Mr. N. E. Feury, Acting City Clerk, during my absence from the office; said appointment to continue until August 14, 1897. After August 14, 1897, Mr. Thomas K. Halsted is hereby appointed until my return.

Yours truly

M. J. O'DONNELL,

City Clerk.

Received, and filed, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

From the Board of Aldermen:—

Resolution adopted Aug. 3, 1897, requesting the following transfers from appropriations, fiscal year, 1896-97:—

$200, from account alms to account printing, stationery and supplies.

$200, from account baths and armories, to account printing, stationery and supplies.

Received and referred to the Finance Committee.

From the Corporation Counsel.—

Jersey City, July 30, 1897.

To the Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Gentlemen—In the matter of your power to put one-quarter of the license money in the appropriation now about to be made, and disposing of it in that manner, I would respectfully advise you that in my judgment that portion of the license fund is, so far as the law is concerned, an unappropriated fund. The monies received from licenses, fees, etc., imposed under the charter of 1871 and its supplements, were directed to be appropriated to the sinking fund of Jersey City, and that was the direction that such monies took by law until the passage of the act of 1889.

The law under which the license money now accumulates was the law of 1888, and the following year, 1889, by the provisions of an act, entitled an "Act concerning the government of cities of this State," it was directed that one-half of the fees received for licenses for the sale of spirituous and malt liquors should be kept as a separate fund for the repaving, repairing and improving of streets, lanes, alleys, avenues and public places in the city when such license should be paid; and that it was further by said act directed that one-quarter of the monies received for licenses thereafter shall be expended for the construction and furnishing of buildings of the public school department in such city, leaving, as it seems, one undivided quarter of said license monies undisposed of.

The provision of the Act of 1873, turning license monies over to the Sinking Fund, applied only to such monies as were received under the original charter of 1871, and supplements thereto, and was the original Sinking Fund. The Act of 1889 repealed the original charter of Jersey City in so far as the disposition of the license money was concerned and positively disposed of three-quarters of it. The other quarter seems to have been undisposed of, and the Board of Finance having no other disposition for it, in the exercise of their general power over the finances of the city, turned it into the Sinking Fund, as they had been required to do originally under the charter. In the meantime other sinking funds had been created to largely meet the deficiences of each year, and by the Act of 1884 ten per cent. of the annual tax levy was required to be placed in the Sinking Fund for the purpose of paying maturing bonds of the city, and thus the original necessities for a Sinking Fund were largely satisfied otherwise. My view is that the Board of Finance

has the right to place this quarter of the license moneys in the annual appropriation.

Very truly yours,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of this Board were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. To pay the salaries of extra clerks in the Water Department for thirteen (13) days in July, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $234.

(Adopted July 26, 1897.)

2. To pay the salaries of General Superintendent, etc., in Water Department for the month of July, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,308.50.

(Adopted August 2, 1897.)

3. To pay the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service for the month of July, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $2,104.39.

(Adopted August 2, 1897.)

4. Awarding to Harry F. Hayes the contract to furnish various supplies.

(Adopted July 26, 1897.)

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted July 26, 1897.)

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted August 2, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the salaries of extra clerks in the Water Department for thirteen (13) days in July, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $234.

(Adopted July 26, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the following salaries for the month of July, 1897, as per payrolls:—Employes at Belleville and High Service, $2,094.39; General Superintendent, etc., $1,308.50.

(Adopted August 2, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the following claims:—

July 26, 1897:—

N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $105.25, $4.30, $17.50 and $35; Charles L. Davis, $12; Barber Asphalt Paving Co., $7.69; A. E. Nolan, $3.75, $9.20, $40; G. E. Lillis, $78.50; Frank W. Torrey, $94.10.

August 2, 1897:—Merritt & Chapman Wrecking Co., $80; James Lyons, $15.56; M. A. Lennon, $3; A. E. Nolan, $13.50; Albert Datz, $225; Boyd's Directory Co., $10; Jersey City Supply Co., $47.47, $231.98, $211.89 and $141.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—All the members of the Board, five (5) in number.

The same committee further reported recommending that the folowing resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners July 26, 1897, be non-concurred in:—

"To award to Harry F. Hayes the contract to furnish various supplies in accordance with specifications," etc.

The report was received and the resolution was non-concurred in by the votes of all the members of the Board, five (5) in number, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President.

The following report was presented by the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions and the same was received and ordered filed, on motion of Mr. Simpson:—

Jersey City, August 4, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Concurrent Resolutions, to whom certain resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, at their meeting of July 12 last, were referred, favorably considered and your concurrence therein recommended, have noticed with much surprise that His Honor the Mayor has vetoed the same. The resolutions were as follows:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, July 12, 1897, to wit:—

Resolved, That C. C. Vermeule and Garwood Ferris be and are hereby appointed as expert hydraulic engineers, to prepare specifications, etc., for the securing of a new permanent water supply for this city; and that when such plans and specifications shall have been adopted, concurred in, approved and ordered filed, the Clerk of this Board is hereby directed to advertise for proposals in conformity therewith, and to advertise in such manner that a period of six weeks shall elapse between the first insertion of such advertisement and the reception of proposals; and

Resolved, That the compensation to be paid to said expert hydraulic engineers for the drawing and preparing of said specifications, etc., and for the acting in and advisory capacity to the city authorities prior to and subsequent to the reception of proposals as aforesaid and until a contract may be awarded and entered into, is hereby fixed at $1,500 each.

The basis of the Mayor's veto is as follows:—

I herewith return the certificate that two resolutions purporting to have been adopted by the Street and Water Commissioners were concurred in by your Honorable Board on July 14 inst. I have no official information that the Board of Street and Water Commissioners have passed these resolutions. In other words, there is not in my office nor has there been presented to me any record showing any action in this matter by the Board

of Street and Water Commissioners.

Resolutions adopted by that Board should be sent to the Mayor for his action. If I approve the resolution which you have presented to me, my approval will only be of your concurrence. I therefore respectfully return this resolution without my approval and suggest that the proper procedure would be that ordinarily adopted in legislation: your Board communicating the fact of concurrence to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and that Board presenting to me for official action the original resolutions.

The machinery by which the business of the city is transacted by the various Boards is usually by motions or resolutions. The Charter of 1889, Section 19, requires that copies of all resolutions or other matters duly certified shall be furnished to the Mayor. Resolutions are duly certified in this way. The clerk of a Board, after every meeting, transcribes the resolution adopted at that meeting in a resolution book, the Persident of the Board signs the resolution and the clerk of the Board attests it by his signature. Consequently the certificate of the clerk of a Board that a resolution has been adopted is the official record of the same and has been so recognized by the officials and the courts. Prior to the creation of the Board of Finance the concurrent power was vested in the Board of Aldermen. The Charter of 1871, Section 95, provides that "Every resolution of the Board of Public Works affecting the interests of the city shall, before it takes effect, be presented, duly certified, to the Mayor." The Charter of 1889 provides that "the Mayor shall have the right to veto the acts of any Board." The Board of Street and Water Commissioners are the successors of the Board of Public Works. Section 37 of the supplement to the Charter of 1871 passed in 1873 provides "that it shall not be necessary for the Board of Public Works to send to the Mayor for his aproval under section 95 of the act of 1871 already quoted, any resolution or vote that is required to be concurred in by the Board of Aldermen before it becomes valid." This section was further amended by Section 9 of the Act of 1874, another supplement to the charter of 1871 in which it is provided "that it shall not be necessary for the Board of Public Works to send to the Mayor for his approval under Section 95 of the Act of 1871, any resolution or vote that is required to be concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation." The last named Board, became the successor of the Board of Aldermen in all matters requiring concurrent action, and the Board of Finance is the successor of the Board of Finance and Taxation. The act of February 25, 1880, has no application to the appointment of experts or other officers or agents by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and, in fact, applies to the method of appointment of no officials or agents of that Board not specifically provided for previous to its enactment. The act of 1891 creating the Board of Street and Water Commissioners by Section 22, provides as follows:—"That whenever there shall now or hereafter exist in any city of the first class any limitation on the powers transferred by this act to said Board of Street and Water Commissioners by requiring a concurrence of any separate board or municipal officer other than said Board of Common Council, Board of Aldermen, Board of Street and Water Commissioners or Street Commissioner, that this act shall not be construed as dispensing with such concurrence, etc., provided that said Board of Street and Water Commissioners shall not enter into any contract or agreement for a new or other supply of water for the use of the inhabitants of such city, until the same shall have been concurred in by the Board having charge and control of the finances of such city and been approved by the Mayor thereof." From what has been stated it is manifest that the action of this Board has been legal and regular and the veto of the Mayor is without legal foundation; that the resolutions certified to the Mayor by the Clerk of this Board were proper official information not only of the action of this Board but of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners; that the acts quoted specifically provide that the resolutions in question should not have been presented to the Mayor by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and that his approval would not only have been an approval of the concurence but also of the appointments. His Honor's suggestion that "the proper procedure would be that ordinarily adopted in legislation" cannot be followed, as the Charter and legislation governing the matter in question provides for the procedure strictly adhered to by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and your Board.

Respectfully submitted,

R. SIMPSON,
H. L. KELLERS,
Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering paid the following claim:—

Frederick C. Hartman, services as janitor, Second District Court, Jersey City, from June 25 to July 25, 1897, $20.

(Chargeable to account fees from District Courts.)

The report was received and the claim ordered paid by the votes of all the members of the Board, five (5) in number, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery

and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering paid the following claim:—

E. T. Morgan, typewriting copies of Mayor's communication for the Board of Finance, $6.75.

The report was received and the claim was ordered paid by the votes of all the members of the Board, five (5) in number, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that the veto of His Honor the Mayor of the resolution of this Board, adopted July 14, 1897, concurring in the resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of July 12, 1897, appointing C. C. Vermeule and Garwood Ferris as expert hydraulic engineers to prepare specifications, etc., for the securing of a new permanent water supply for this city, etc., and fixing their salary at $1,500 each, laid on the table, July 26, 1897, be taken from the table.

Adopted.

Mr. Simpson moved that the resolution do now pass notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

A recess for five minutes was then taken, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

Upon the reassembling of the Board, all the members were present as at roll call, five (5) in number.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Friday, August 13, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

Mr. Simpson gave notice that at the next regular meeting of this Board he will present an amendment to Rule 32, changing the hour of meeting during the months of August and September, from eight o'clock P. M. to four o'clock P. M.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the votes of all the members present, five (5) in number, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $10, in favor of William A. Harney Son, to return amount erroneously assessed for drug store fountain, water rents, year 1896 ,on Lot N, Block 236, Montgomery street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $3, in favor of H. Lutjen, to return overcharge for water closets, water rents, year 1897, on lot 52, Block 824, Bowers street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, a further requisition having been made by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners by resolution adopted June 28, 1897, for the sum of $10,000, to liquidate claims for advertising, etc., on account of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., of the laws of 1895, the amounts heretofore appropriated to the said Board of Street and Water Commissioners having been expended; therefore be it

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer on "assessment account," for the sum of $10,000, to transfer said amount to "general account" as a loan, for the purpose of adding to the fund created for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners in order that the provisions of Chapter 217 and 218, &c., of the Laws of 1895 may be properly complied with; and

Resolved, That when said sum of $10,000 shall have been expended, the Clerk of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners shall forward to this Board and also to the City Comptroller an itemized statement of the expenditures made as against this appropriation, to which the amounts are chargeable for the contemplated improvements.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to make the following transfers from appropriations account of Board of Aldermen, for fiscal year 1896-97:—

$200, from account alms to account printing, stationery and supplies.

$200, from account baths and armories to account printing, stationery and supplies.

By Mr. Bailey on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the sum of $16,000 be and the same is hereby appropriated and set aside by this Board out of the one-half of liquor license fees received on and after July 1, 1897, available for the repairing, repaving, etc., of paved streets, etc., act of 1897, for the purpose of paying balance due on account of contracts of repaving York, Henderson, Mercer, Montgomery and Grove streets.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer in the sum of $16,000, to transfer said amount from "liquor license account" to the credit of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, for the purposes aforesaid.

The Board then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Friday, August 13, 1897, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.

Present at roll call—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Midlige—1.

Mr. Midlige subsequently appeared and took his seat.

Regular order of business was taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of F. H. Spengeman for the return of $4 paid in error for water rents for 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Communication from Vredenburgh & Garretson, calling the attention of the Board to a petition presented July 12, 1897, for the payment of a judgment obtained against the city by Lewis H. Broome.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Bond of indemnity presented by Cornelius Quadland in the sum of six ($6) dollars, with a request that a duplicate warrant be ordered drawn in favor of William E. Keefe for overcharge of water rents, warrant for three dollars having been drawn and delivered by the city July 23, 1897, and said warrant having been lost.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Edward T. Morgan, $3; the Evening Journal, $229.16; Albert Datz, $90; Mackey's A, B, C Guide, $6; Postal Tel. Cable Co., $4.15, $1.60 and $2.60; John A. Nugent, $11.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Communications from William P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney, returning petition of Annie M. Coghill, advising against granting prayer of petitioner.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted August 9, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of employes, laying and repairing water pipe, for the month of July, 1897, as per payrol, amounting to $3,280.25.

(Adopted August 9, 1897.)

3. Awarding to Henry Byrne the contract for the improvement of Seventh street, from Jersey avenue to a point about 130 feet west of Monmouth street (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $7,680.10.

(Adopted August 9, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the salaries of employees, laying and repairing water pipe, for the month of July, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $3,280.25.

(Adopted August 9, 1897.)

2. Awarding to Henry Byrne the contract for the improvement of Seventh street, from Jersey avenue to a point about 130 feet west of Monmouth street (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $7,680.10.

(Adopted August 9, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the following claims:—

March 1, 1897:—

N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., $14.45, $109.50, $72.47 and $17.

August 9, 1897:—

Theo. Smith & Bro., $51.25 and $8.88; Charles Both, $520; L. S. Hubbard, $260; William J. Altherr, $208; A. E. Nolan, $15; John A. Vill, $14.65, and J. C. Democrat, $8.20.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Midlige—1.

Mr. Midlige here appeared and took his seat.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$3 to Edward T. Morgan for typewriting report of Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

$15 to Homer W. Hedge for printing circulars relative to sale of $100,000 gold bonds, for distribution among bankers, brokers, etc.

$3.60 to Edward H. Hoos, for incidentals during July, 1897.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

On motion of Mr. Midlige the Board then took a recess for fifteen (15) minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board all the members were present, five (5) in number.

Under a suspension of the rules the following communications were received from His Honor the Mayor and the same, together with the letters accompanying it, were received and ordered filed.

Mayor's Office,

Jersey City, N. J., Aug. 13, 1897.

Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I herewith send you the opinion of the State Comptroller and the Attorney General, on the matter of "the equal taxation money."

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Office of State Comptroller,
Trenton Aug. 6, 1897.

Hon. Edward Hoos, Mayor, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—I am in receipt of yours of the 2d inst., with inqury as to my construction of the act, entitled "An act to revise and amend an act for the taxation of railroad and canal property," being Chapter 69 of the Laws of 1897.

My action under this law will be not to pay municipalities any of the additional moneys allotted to them by the Law of 1897, from taxes assessed in the year 1897 and payable in the year 1898, for the reason that they will be assessed previous to November 1, 1897, and the law only applies to those assessed after that date.

Your second inquiry, as to the amount of new railroad property likely to be assessed, cannot be answered until after assessments are actually made.

I herewith enclose copy of Attorney General Grey's opinion to me on the construction of the Law of 1897.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W. S. HANCOCK,
Comptroller.

State of New Jersey,
Office of Attorney General,
Trenton, August 5, 1897.

Hon. W. S. Hancock, Comptroller, etc.:—

Dear Sir—I am in receipt of your favor dated August 4, 1897, enclosing an extract from letter received by you from the Hon. Edward Hoos, Mayor of Jersey City, as follows:—"In making up the tax levy for the city of Jersey City, it has been suggested that the act entitled 'An act to revise and amend an act for the taxation of railroad and canal property,' being Chapter 69 of the Laws of 1897, would apply to the taxes of the coming fiscal year, and the Board of Finance in Jersey City in making up the tax levy for the year 1897 and 1898 has calculated upon receiving the same. I desire to learn officially what construction your office would put upon said law; whether we would receive the money under this act during the coming fiscal year or not."

The act of 1888, to which Chapter 69 of the act of 1897 is supplementary, requires the State Board of Assessors to meet on the first Monday in July, unless that day fall upon the fourth of July, in which event they may meet on the first Tuesday, for the purpose of giving a hearing to all railroad and canal companies interested, "touching the valuation and assessment of their property; the Board may adjourn from day to day and may, if they see fit, require all arguments and communications to be presented in writing."

By Section 9 of the same act it is provided "That the State Board of Assessors shall, upon the completion of their valuation and assessment, proceed to compute the tax upon the entire assessed valuation of each railroad company and of each canal company, as ascertained by them; upon such valuation each company shall pay to the State, for general State purposes, a tax at the rate of one-half of one per centum annually upon each dollar of valuation, and the State Board of Assessors shall compute the same. * * * The sum of the estimates or computations by each company shall constitute the tax to be paid by each company and shall be a lien paramount to all other liens upon all the lands and tangible property and franchise of such company in this State; such lien shall take effect on the first day of November, and a copy of the valuation in detail of the property of each corporation, and of the tax assessed against the same under the provisions of this act, shall be served upon the Treasurer of such corporation, or left at his office, within ten days after the first day of November; but the failure to serve any such notice shall not be held to invalidate any tax assessed or effect any lien created under this act; said act shall be a debt due for such company to the State on that date, for which an action at law or in equity may be maintained, and which shall be a professed debt in case of insolvency; these remedies are in addition to the special proceedings provided for in this act."

By the 10th Section the Board is required to certify to the Comptroller, on or before December 1 in each year, a statement of the assessed valuation of the property of each company in the State, and of the separate valuation of property in each taxing district, the amount of tax payable by each company with respect to its property separately valued in each taxing district, and the aggregate assessed valuation, and the total tax levied upon each company. These statements are made separately for each company, and are to be recorded in books in the Comptroller's office and become public records. "The amount of tax payable by each company as shown by the said statements, shall be due and payable into the State Treasury on any day between the first day of November and the first day of February following." Under the operation of the provisions of this act I think the State Board is required on the first Monday, or the first Tuesday, of July, to take steps looking to the valuation of property taxable under the law, and they have until the first day of the month of November following to complete their estimate and valuation for purposes of taxation and to

tax the companies whose property is effected. The power to assess given to the State Board expires at the last moment on the 31st day of October of each year. The taxes assessed prior to that time become a lien upon the property of the companies from and after the first day of November. It is also a debt made so by the statute "due from such company to the State on that date," so that it seems quite clear that under the operation of the Act of 1888, the assessment and taxation must have been completed by the State Board on the 31st day of October of each year.

Under Chapter 69 of the Act of 1897 (Laws of 1897, page 147), which is a supplement to the Act of 1888, it is provided that "the taxes which shall be hereafter assessed upon the real estate used for railroad or canal purposes," shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of that act. The act was approved March 31, 1897, and by its second section declares that "this act shall take effect on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven."

The act furnishes a new rule in respect to the distribution of moneys raised by railroad and canal taxation. It applies by its terms to assessments upon that species of property made after the act takes effect, and is, therefore, applicable only to such assessments as may have been made after the first day of November, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) S. H. GREY,
Attorney General.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, August 18, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey and Simpson—3.

Absent—Messrs. Kellers and Midlige—2.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The reading of the minutes of the following meetings was dispensed with and the said minutes were approved as printed in the manual form, on motion of Mr. Simpson:—Adjourned meetings, July 26, 30 and 31; August 3; regular, August 4, and adjourned regular, August 13, 1897.

A recess for fifteen minutes was then taken, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

Upon the reassembling of the Board the following members were present:—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey and Simpson—3.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, August 19, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

The Board then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Thursday, August 19, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The regular order of business was taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of Jacob Moessner, for the return of $19.20, for duplicate payment of taxes, year 1895-96.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Communication from James A. Gordon, counsel for Albert Payne, relative to salary for June and July, 1897, due to Albert Payne for services rendered as Marshal to Second District Court, and requesting that same be paid.

Received and referred to Corporation Counsel.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and referred to their appropriate committees:—

F. T. Brown, $32; Frank Meyer, $26; Isaac Van Saun, $50; James F. Norton, $120; Albert Payne, $66.66; Jersey City News, $229.16; M. A. Lennon, $12 and $16.80.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The Corporation Counsel, to whom the indemnity bond of Cornelius Quadland, in the amount of $6.00, was referred, reported his non-approval of the same. The bond was ordered returned to Mr. Quadland.

From the Board of City Hall Commissioners:—

1. Resolution, adopted August 11, 1897, requesting Board of Finance to appropriate $8,420 (including the $4,000 asked for by resolution adopted April 28, 1897) to pay for the maintenance of the City Hall building and grounds.

2. Resolution, adopted August 11, 1897, requesting Board of Finance to appropriate $38,548 to pay contractors' amounts due them on account of their contracts for work done, etc., on New City Hall.

The resolutions were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Board of Street and Water Commissioners:—

The following resolutions, adopted August 16, 1897:—

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

2. Requesting Board of Finance to supplement appropriations heretofore made to this Board for the purposes noted by amounts indicated, such additional sums being necessary to the proper working of this department:—

Cleaning sewers and basins, $5,000.

Repairs to unpaved streets, $1,000.

3. Fixing the salary of Thomas Cox, appointed August 16, 1897, as laborer on the laying and repairing of water pipe, at $2 per day when engaged.

The resolution requesting appropriations was referred to the Committee on Finance, and the others were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

A communication from His Honor, Mayor Hoos, in reply to the letter sent him by this Board, dated August 2, 1897, was presented, and, on motion of Mr. Simpson, the same was received and ordered filed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners on August 16, 1897, be concurred in:—

1. Fixing the salary of Thomas Cox, appointed August 16, 1897, as laborer on the laying and repairing of water pipe, at $2 per day when engaged.

2. Ordering paid the following claims:—

A. E. Nolan, $44.20, claim No. 211.

N. Y. Lubricating Oil Company, $27.30, claim No. 214.

N. Y. Lubricating Oil Company, $30.70, claim No. 213.

W. Werner, $38.41, claim No. 294.

James Lyons, $59.40, claim No. 68.

James Lyons, $286.69, claim No. 67.

Jersey City Supply Company, $232.64, claim No. 1,411.

Theo. Smith & Bro., $480, claim No. 524.

James H. Loper, $20, claim No. 64.

James Muldoon, $33.91, claim No. 267.

E. A. Dugan, $15.50, claim No. 369.

E. A. Dugan, $55.10, claim No. 370.

A. E. Nolan, $13.75, claim No. 212.

M. Farley, $40.90, claim No. 246.

The A. P. Smith Manufacturing Company, $25, claim No. 525.

Evening Journal Association, $32.45, claim No. 666.

Evening Journal Association, $20, claim No. 665.

Jersey City News, $130, claim No. 1,409.

Jersey City Supply Company, $452.93, claim No. 1,412.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the salaries of the Mayor and others for the month of August, 1897, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $4,691.64.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the votes of all the members present (four in number), on the call for the yeas and nays by the President.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of resolutions

ordering paid the following claims:—

$27.30 to N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., telephone tolls, etc., office of N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., exchange service, from July 1 to September 30, 1897, and tolls from March 1 to June 1, 1897.

$58 to Albert Datz, printing for City Collector.

$32 to T. Y. Brown, verifying and making diagrams of lands bought by city at tax sales.

$18 to J. W. Harrison, printing for Corporation Counsel.

$83.33 to J. M. Startup, services as extra clerk, City Collector's office, for August, 1897, when due.

$50 to Isaac Van Saun, services as temporary clerk in City Comptroller's office, for August, 1897, when due.

(Chargeable to "Martin Act" account.)

$39 to William P. Douglass, fees as Judge Second Criminal Court, for February, 1897.

$51 to William P. Douglass, fees as Judge Second Criminal Court, for October, 1896.

(Chargeable to account fees from Second Criminal Court.)

$70 to H. A. Lush, services as assistant to Clerk, First District Court, for August, 1897, when due.

$26 to Frank Meyer, services as Marshal, First District Court, for July, 1897.

(Chargeable to account fees from District Courts.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each adopted by the votes of all the members present (four in number) on the call for the yeas and nays by the President.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The following was offered by Mr. Simpson (notice of the amendment having been given at meeting of August 4, 1897):—

"To amend Rule 32 of the Rules of Order of this Board, by inserting after the words 'City Hall' in the third (3) line, the words 'except during the months of August and September, when the hour of meeting shall be at 4 o'clock P. M.'"

The amendment was adopted by the votes of all the members present (four in number), on the call for the yeas and nays by the President, and Rule 32, as amended, was adopted by the same vote.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Thursday, August 26, 1897, at two o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By Mr. Simpson on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board, July 14, 1897, setting aside the sum of $7,500 to the credit of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners out of one-half of the "license monies" available for the repairing of paved streets, etc., for the following purposes:—$5,000 to pay for services of foreman and laborers on paved streets, etc.;and $2,500 to pay for construction of Steuben street sewer, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded.

By President Brautigam:—

Resolved, That the sum of $9,300 be and the same is hereby appropriated and set aside by this Board out of the one-half of liquor license fees received on and after July 1, 1897, available for the repaving, etc., of paved streets, etc., in accordance with the act of 1897, for the following purposes, viz:—

$1,800 for the paving of Mercer street, from Merseles street to viaduct.

$2,500 for the construction of 280 feet of 30-inch brick sewer in Steuben street.

$5,000 for the payment of services of foreman and laborers on paved streets, etc.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $9,300, to transfer said amount from "liquor license account" to the credit of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

My Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the sum of $5,846.30 be and the same is hereby appropriated and set aside by this Board out of the one-half of the license fees received on and after July 1, 1897, available for repairing, repaving, etc., of paved streets, etc., Act of 1897, for the purpose of paying for the repaving of Danforth avenue, from Ocean avenue to Garfield avenue.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer in the sum of $5,846.30, to transfer said amount from "liquor license account" to the credit of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, for the purpose aforesaid.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That upon the advice of the Corporatioin Attorney the petition of Annie M. Coghill for payment of surplus money in redemption of lands sold under the "Martin Act," be not granted, for the reason that this Board has no evidence of the petitioner's right to said surplus, nor of her right to act for those who, according to the petition, are coheirs with her.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Moessner for $19.20, for duplicate

payment of taxes for year 1895-96, on lot 5, Block 1,371, Noble street, paid August 11, 1897, being duplicate of payment made February 10, 1897.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, On April 24, 1894, the City Collector sold to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, under sale number 4,485, Lot 50, Block 622, Terry alley, for unpaid taxes, etc., as adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment, in report No. 85; and

Whereas, The owner of property known as Lot 50, Block 623, Terry alley, was served in error with notices to redeem said property; and

Whereas, John Briody, the owner of Lot 50, Block 623, did, on January 19, 1895, pay to the City Treasurer the sum of $90.90 for the redemption of Lot 50, Block 623, in error, but in accordance with said notice; therefore be it

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, on adjusted lien account, in favor of John Briody for the sum of $90.90, to return the amount paid by him on January 15, 1895, for said redemption of Lot 50, Block 623, etc; and be it further

Resolved, That the sale of said Lot 50, Block 622, be set aside and cancelled and the matter be returned to the Adjustment Commissioners for proper adjustment; and be it further

Resolved, That the City Clerk, City Collector and City Comptroller be notified.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners did, by resolution adopted August 16, 1897, request this Board to supplement the appropriations heretofore made by this Board for cleaning sewers and basins and for repairs to unpaved streets (fiscal year, 1896-97); therefore

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the following sums to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for fiscal year 1896-97, to supplement appropriations heretofore made for the same purposes:—Cleaning sewers and basins, $5,000; repairs to unpaved streets, $1,000; and further

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of $6,000 on temporary loan bonds, at a rate of interest not exceeding 4% per annum, and that the City Comptroller credit the Board of Street and Water Commisioners with the said sum for the purposes above mentioned, and that the amount of $6,000 be placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners have requested this Board, by resolution adopted July 12, 1897, to appropriate the sum of $787.50 to pay for repairs to building occupied by the Overseer of the Poor;

Resolved, That the sum of $787.50 be and the same is hereby appropriated to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the purposes above mentioned, and that the Committee on Finance borrow said sum at a rate of interest not to exceed 4% cent. per annum, and have the same set aside for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and that the said sum of $787.50 be placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, to be deposited to the credit of September, 1897, interest, as follows:—

On general account	$180 00
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds...	17,500 00
On water account	19,145 00
Total	$36,825 00

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $40,000, on account of county taxes of 1896.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The old City Hall building has been turned over to the use of the Board of Education for temporary use for school purposes and cannot, therefore, be immediately sold; and

Whereas, By the provisions of Chapter 130 of the Act of 1897, power is given to the city to issue bonds instead of immediately selling building, lands and real estate, etc.; therefore be it

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 130 of the Laws of 1897, temporary loan bonds for the sum of $38,548 be and they are hereby authorized to be issued, payable on demand. with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be used by the City Hall Commission to pay to the various contractors employed in the erection of the new City Hall the balance due them under their contracts in connection with said building; and be it further

Resolved, That the net proceeds derived from sale of unused city property shall be used toward the payment of the bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The amount of $16,000 heretofore appropriated to the City Hall Commission for the maintenance of the City Hall building and grounds adjacent thereto, was an approximate amount, as at the time the said appropriation of $16,000 was

made a definite amount could not be arrived at; and

Whereas, The City Hall Commission have, by resolution adopted August 11, 1897, asked for an additional appropriation of $8,420; be it

Resolved, That the appropriation for expenses of the City Hall Commission for the fiscal year 1896-97 be augmented by the sum of $8,420; and be it further

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance of this Board be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on one or more temporary loan bonds the sum of $8,420, with interest at the rate of 4% per annum, and that the amount be placed in the next tax levy to pay said bonds.

The Board then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Thursday, August 26, 1897, at two o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Board took up the regular order of business.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of Sophia Walton for the return of $21.65 for duplicate payment of water rents, year 1893.

Received and referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Invitation of the Robert Davis Association of Hudson county, to review the parade of the association on the day of their annual outing on September 15th next.

Accepted on motion of Mr. Kellers.

PRESENTATION OF CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and referred to their apropriate committees:—

Randolph Perkins, $281.25; Frederick Hartman, $20; N. J. Title and Abstract Co., $90.50; J. C. News, $94 and $55; The Evening Journal Association, $30 and $30, and James Atchison, $2.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Requisition from the Commissioners of Adjustment for $2,100, said amount to be transferred to the credit of the account of said Commission, to be used in defraying its present current expenses, in properly carrying out the provisions of the act authorizing the appointment of the Commission, and the supplements thereto.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions, requiring the concurrence of this Board, were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. To pay the salaries of laborers on meters for August, 1897, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $540.

(Adopted August 23, 1897.)

2. To pay the salaries of Water Registrar and others employed in Water Department, for August, 1897, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $3,039.51.

(Adopted August 23, 1897.)

3. To award a contract to M. R. Van Keuren, for the improvement of Leonard street, from Central avenue to Hudson Boulevard.

(Adopted August 23, 1897.)

4. To pay certain claims.

(Adopted August 23, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, August 23, 1897, be concurred in:—

1. To pay the following claims:—

E. A. Dugan, $51.41, claim No. 371.

United Gas Imp't Co., $2.40, claim No. 379.

United Gas Imp't Co., $3.45, claim No. 378.

United Gas Imp't Co., $10.95, claim No. 380.

Schaffer & Budenberg, $12.60, claim No. 528.

James Bailey, $16, claim No. 618.

United Gas Imp't Co. (December 28, 1896), $6.15, claim No. 304.

2. To award contract to M. R. Van Keuren, for the improvement of Leonard street, from Central avenue to Hudson Boulevard (estimated cost, $4,287.70).

3. To pay the salaries of laborers on meters for the month of August, 1897, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $540.

The same Committee further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners August 23, 1897, ordering paid the salaries of Water Registrar, &c., in Water Department for the month of August, 1897, when due, as per pay roll, amounting to $3,039.51, except as to item—E. F. McCarthy, $146.20.

2. Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby non-concurs in so much of the resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners August 23, 1897, as refers to the payment of $146.20 to E. F. McCarthy, for salary as Assistant Permit Clerk, for the reason that the Board of Finance has as yet taken no action on the resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, adopted July 19, 1897, fixing the salary of said E. F. McCarthy, Assistant Permit Clerk, at $100 per month.

The reports of the Committee on Concurrent resolutions were received, and the resolutions therein contained were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$20 to Frederick Hartman, for services as janitor to Second District Court, from July 25 to August 25, 1897.

(Account fees from District Courts.)

$147 to J. Herbert Potts, fees as Judge, First Criminal Court, bill November 13, 1896.

$165 to J. Herbert Potts, fees as Judge, First Criminal Court, bill May 15, 1896.

(Account fees received from First Criminal Court.)

$225 to the Evening Journal Association, advertising sale of city property, bill August 4, 1897.

(Account "Martin Act.")

$229.16 to the Evening Journal Association, publishing official minutes in August, 1897.

$229.16 to Jersey City News, publishing official minutes in August, 1897.

(Account publishing official minutes.)

The report was received and the resolutions therein contained, ordering the payment of the claims, were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Sophia Walton for $21.65, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1893, on lots 27 and 28, Block 121, Thomas street, paid August 26, 1896, as adjusted, being duplicate payment made August 5, 1895.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer to the order of the Commissioners of Adjustment for $2,100 out of proceeds of and collections from adjusted city liens for taxes, tax sales, assessments and water rents. Said sum being required by said Commissioners of Adjustment to properly perform and carry out the provisions of the Act creating said Commissioners.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, A resolution was passed by this Board on August 4, 1897, ordering transferred $10,000 from Assessment Account to General Account, to appropriate said sum to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to pay claims for advertising, &c., on account of Chapters 217 and 289, &c., of the laws of 1897; and

Whereas, It has been ascertained that there are not sufficient funds in Assessment Account to warrant such transfer; therefore

Resolved, That the above mentioned resolution be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, A further requisistion having been made by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, by resolution adopted June 28, 1897, for the sum of $10,000 to liquidate claims for advertising, &c., on account of Chapters 217 and 289, &c., of the laws of 1895, the amount heretofore appropriated to the said Board of Street and Water Commissioners having been expended; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby apropriates the sum of $10,000 to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to be used in paying claims for advertising, etc., under the provisions of Chapter 217 and 289, etc., laws of 1895, the amount heretofore appropriated for such purpose having been exhausted; and in order to raise said sum the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to issue temporary loan bonds in the sum of $10,000, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4% per annum, the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be set aside for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to pay claims for advertising, etc., under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., Laws of 1895.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $500 from the account of "Salaries" to the account of "Claims," Board of Finance, fiscal year, 1896-'97, the City Comptroller having certified that the "Salary account" will warrant such transfer.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to make the following transfers of balances to account of Printing, Stationery and Supplies, account Board of Finance, fiscal year, 1895-'96:—

From account "salaries".....$435 80
From account printing official minutes.... 24

Total..... ....$436 04

On motion of Mr. Simpson a recess for ten minutes was then taken.

Upon the reassembling of the Board, the following members were present:—

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

Under a suspension of the rules the Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering paid the following claim:—

$281.25 to Randolph Perkins, for drawing deeds and taking acknowledgements in certain sale numbers, bill August 26, 1897.

(Account of Martin Act.)

The report was received, and the resolution therein contained ordering the payment of the claim was adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

The following resolutions were present-

ed and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigan and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

By President Brautigam:—

Resolved, That supplemental to resolutions heretofore adopted, the further sum of $84,000 be and is hereby appropriated and set aside to the credit of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners out of the one-half of liquor license monies available for the repairing, repaving, &c., of paved strets, &c., and reconstruction of sewers, as provided by Chapter 134 of the Laws of 1897, for the purposes as aforesaid, to be expended as follows:—

For Special Account for General Repairs, estimated cost	$20,000
For Paving Pavonia avenue, from Grove street east, estimated cost	14,000
For Paving Montgomery street, from Hudson to Warren street, estimated cost	11,800
For Paving Pacific avenue from Communipaw avenue to Johnston avenue and intersections, estimated cost	9,500
For reconstruction sewer in Bay street, from Henderson street east, estimated cost	14,400
For reconstruction sewer in Ocean avenue, from Cator to Linden avenue, estimated cost	1,800
For reconstruction sewer in Bergen avenue, from Fairmount to Storm avenue, estimated cost	1,100
For reconstruction sewer in Jackson avenue, from Bramhall to Communipaw avenue, &c., estimated cost	8,000
For reconstruction sewer in Chestnut avenue, from Magnolia to Pavonia avenue estimated cost	1,300
For reconstruction sewer in New York avenue, from Griffith to Franklin street, &c., estimated cost	12,000
Total estimated costs	$93,900

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer in the sum of $84,000 to transfer said amount from account "Liquor License Receipts," for year beginning July 1, 1897, and ending June 30 1898, to the credit of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the purposes aforesaid.

By President Brautigam, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The City Collector did, on the tenth day of October, 1893, under the direction of this Board, by resolution adopted August 14th, 1893, sell certain property to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for unpaid taxes for the year 1888; and

Whereas, A large number of pieces of the property thus sold have subsequently been adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 191 of the Laws of 1894; therefore be it

Resolved, That the certificates of sale, given by the City Collector, for property so sold and since adjusted as aforesaid, and as included in the schedule hereto annexed, be and the same are hereby ordered to be cancelled; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and they are hereby requested to pay into the City Treasury the sum of $42,739.10, being the amount of taxes for the year 1888 and interest on same included in subsequent adjustment of Taxes, &c. for the taxes of said year 1888; the amount so paid into the City Treasury to be used for the payment of Tax Redemption Bonds, issued on account of said purchase of property by the city, at such sale held October 10th, 1893, and that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the City Clerk and City Comptroller be served with a copy of this resolution.

Ctf. No.	Block.	Lots.	Amount.	Adjusted Report No.
3	4	22	$178.21	98
4	4	23	178.21	98
5	36	6	134.07	99
7	67	28	134.07	98
8	69	36	266.40	98
9	71	L	89.93	98
10	132	A	200.27	99
11	132	X	89.93	98
13	134	C	45.84	99
14	135	5	310.58	96
15	136	12	134.07	96
16	137	19	884.14	99
18	167	19	156.14	99
19	199	J	134.07	99
22	238	T	178.21	99
23	238	M	81.17	99
24	240	11	487.04	98
26	77	38	98.73	100
27	77	42	112.05	100
28	77	41	72.35	100
29	77	39	72.35	100
30	77	37	72.35	100
31	77	35	72.35	100
32	105	N	156.14	99
33	139	F	112.05	99
34	154	16	45.84	100
35	156	26	10.51	100
36	156	"25	10.51	100
37	172	135	67.87	98
38	173	B	89.93	100
39	173	A	89.93	100
40	176	H	107.57	100
41	177	B	134.07	100
42	179	15	112.05	96
45	185	19	89.93	101

Ctf. No.	Block.	Lots.	Amount.	Adjusted Report No.
46	187	17	98.73	100
47	189	16	23.73	100
48	219	2	67.87	100
49	219	3	134.07	100
50	219	6	156.14	100
51	219	B	191.43	100
52	220	S	76.67	100
53	221	11	89.93	100
54	223	15	45.84	100
55	223	16	45.84	100
56	226	9 A	14.89	100
57	226	9 B	14.89	100
58	228	3	36.96	100
59	228	4	36.96	100
60	256	30	134.07	100
61	257	6	142.87	98
62	258	12	54.60	96
63	258	15	63.45	100
64	258	23	28.11	100
65	260	"24	10.51	100
66	288	14	45.84	100
67	289	19	54.60	100
68	292	6	32.54	100
69	293	8	10.51	100
70	293	10	10.51	100
71	293	11	10.51	100
72	293	"30 rear	6.05	100
73	293	"31 rear	6.05	100
74	293	"32 rear	8.30	100
75	324	21	59.03	96
76	324	22	59.03	96
77	326	32	67.87	100
84	358	F 1	89.93	100
85	358	L 1	89.93	100
86	358	M 1	89.93	100
87	359	31	45.84	100
89	361	29	19.31	100
90	363	1	23.73	100
93	410	22	41.38	99
94	410	28	50.18	99
96	417	H	54.60	100
98	420	"5	67.87	100
99	427	4	23.73	99
103	430	10	45.84	99
104	430	11	45.84	99
105	430	12	45.84	99
106	430	15	36.96	99
107	430	16	36.96	99
108	430	17	36.96	99
109	430	18	36.96	99
110	430	19	36.96	99
111	430	20	36.96	99
112	430	23	23.73	99
113	430	K	54.60	99
114	430	L	41.38	99
115	430	29	81.09	99
116	430	30	41.38	99
117	430	31	23.73	99
118	430	32	41.38	99
119	430	33	41.38	99
120	430	34	41.38	99
121	430	35	41.38	99
122	430	36	41.38	99
123	431	56	41.38	99
124	431	55	41.38	99
125	435	2	45.84	99
126	435	3	45.84	100
127	435	4	45.84	100
128	435	5	45.84	100
129	435	6	45.84	100
130	435	7	45.84	100
131	435	8	45.84	100
132	435	9	45.84	100
133	435	10	45.84	100
134	435	11	45.84	100
135	435	12	45.84	100
136	435	13	45.84	100
137	435	14	45.84	100
138	435	15	45.84	100
139	435	16	45.84	100
140	435	17	45.84	100
141	435	18	45.84	100
142	436	20	36.96	100
143	436	21	41.38	100
144	436	22	45.84	100
145	438	12	32.54	100
146	441	1, 2	59.03	100
147	442	1	8.30	100
148	442	2	8.30	100
149	442	3	8.30	100
150	442	4	8.30	100
151	442	5	8.30	100
152	442	6	8.30	100
153	442	7	8.30	100
154	442	8	45.84	100
171	446½	C. Gore.	89.93	100
172	446½	18	10.51	100
173	446½	17	14.89	100
174	446½	16	14.89	100
175	446½	15	17.14	100
176	446½	14	17.14	100
177	453	L	2.86	100
178	209	15	23.73	100
179	209	16	10.51	100
180	209	17	8.30	100
181	209	18	8.30	100
182	209	19	8.30	100
183	209	20	8.30	100
184	209	21	8.30	101
185	209	22	8.30	101
186	209	23	8.30	101
187	209	24	8.30	101
188	209	25	8.30	101
189	209	26	8.30	101
190	209	27	8.30	101
191	209	28	12.72	101
192	210	"28 Gore	6.55	101
193	210	"32, "33, "34 D	18.89	101
194	216-217	24	19.31	101
195	297	26	42.86	101
196	299	16	45.84	101
197	301	5	6.05	101
198	301	6	8.30	101
200	329	9	12.72	101
202	339	70, 71, 72, 73	266.40	96
203	341	3	17.14	96
204	341	4	17.14	96
205	341	5	17.14	96
206	341	32	32.54	101
207	341	33	32.54	101
208	341	36	28.11	101
209	341	"57	81.09	101
210	341	"57, "58	81.09	96
211	341	"58	81.09	96

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212	350	A	178.21	101
213	350	32	54.60	101
214	350	33	45.84	101
215	352	12	81.09	101
216	501	"1	400.55	101
217	501	"1	157.89	101
218	501	"1 and 71, Blk. 504	799.37	100
219	501	"2	47.59	100
220	501	"2	82.84	100
222	504	Plot 100x200, described Plot 71	148.12	100
223	504	71 C	91.68	100
224	504	71 B	135.82	100
225	504	71 G	256.62	100
226	504	100	23.73	100
227	504	101	23.73	100
228	505	"13	54.60	100
229	542-543	B	1,545 95	100
230	205	25	169.36	99
232	207	24	244.22	99
233	212	1	120.80	100
234	212	2	103.15	100
235	212	3	125.23	100
236	212	A	125.23	100
237	212	B	103.15	100
238	212	7	103.15	100
239	212	8	120.80	100
240	212	9	103.15	100
241	212	10	103.15	100
242	212	11	103.15	100
243	212	12	103.15	100
244	212	13	103.15	100
245	212	14	103.15	100
246	212	15	103.15	100
247	212	16	103.15	100
248	212	C	103.15	100
249	212	25	112.05	100
250	212	26	112.05	100
251	212	27	112.05	100
252	212	28	112.05	100
253	212	29	112.05	100
254	212	30	112.05	100
255	212	31	112.05	100
256	212	32	112.05	100
257	244	12	200.27	99
258	247	S	89.93	100
259	248	A. B. rear "21 to 24	442.94	100
260	274	26	36.96	96
261	274	28	442.94	96
262	280	D	156.14	100
263	280	F	67.87	100
264	280	M	112.05	96
266	280	T 1	45.84	100
267	280	G 1	156.14	100
268	280	H	134.07	100
269	280	"26	125.23	100
270	280	"27	125.23	100
271	280	"31	142.87	100
272	280	"32	112.05	100
273	310	2	235.48	99
274	313	36	156.14	99
275	317	1, 2, "3	509.07	100
276	320	U	156.14	100
278	351	B	134.07	99
279	351	E	156.14	99
280	354	D	54.60	100
281	354	E	54.60	100
282	354	A	89.93	100
283	354	B	89.93	100
284	387	29	310.58	99
285	388	M 1	81.09	99
286	388	Y	89.93	99
287	390	14	34.79	100
288	556	15	34.79	100
290	556	"51 rear	487.00	100
291	561	52 C	36.96	102
292	592	23	36.96	102
293	623	5	14.89	102
294	624	21	89.93	102
296	699	36	12.72	102
298	765	30	19.31	102
301	782	259	82.84	102
309	807	Front 1 to 4, F 4	10.51	102
311	810	13 H	14.89	102
312	850	1	67.87	102
313	874	99	17.14	102
314	874	100	17.14	102
316	877	"328	59.03	102
317	877	"329	28.11	102
318	877	330	36.90	102
319	877	331	67.87	102
320	877	"328, "329	82.84	102
322	888	Rear "44, 45	5.59	102
323	892	31	10.51	102
324	892	32	54.60	102
325	892	33	10.51	102
326	892	34	10.51	102
327	893	4	67.87	102
328	893	10	10.51	102
329	896	13	41.38	102
330	896	14	41.38	102
331	896	15	41.38	102
332	896	16	41.38	102
333	915	9	32.54	102
334	915	20	45.84	102
336	917	South ½ 60	23.73	102
337	917	76	10.51	102
338	1050	24	2.63	102
339	1050	25	2.63	102
340	1050	26	2.63	102
341	1050	27	2.63	102
342	1050	28	2.63	102
343	1050	82	2.63	102
344	1125	Plot 20	36.96	102
345	1132	45	54.60	102
347	23	"11 and 10	45.84	101
348	25-55	14	76.67	101
357	88	30	28.11	101
358	88	31	8.30	101
359	88	32 Gore	8.30	101
360	118	38	21.06	101
361	118	39	17.14	101
363	124	12	14.89	101
364	128	Middle "11	21.06	101
365	138	21	45.84	101
369	195	9.10	112.05	101
370	197	9	28.11	101
371	200	4	134.07	101
373	208	34	32.54	101
374	218	30 A	32.54	101
375	218	32 A	32.54	101
376	218	1, 2	54.60	101

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377	218	31	19.31	101
378	218	33	19.31	101
379	218	35	19.31	101
380	218	39	19.31	101
381	218	41	19.31	101
382	218	"39, 41 Front	36.04	101
383	218	"43, "45, "21, "23, "25 Front	156.97	101
384	218	"43, "45, "21, "23 Front	14.01	101
385	218	"23, "25	6.05	101
386	218	H, J	156.14	101
387	218	E	156.14	101
388	218	F	156.14	101
390	221	9	32.54	101
391	221	8	32.54	101
393	227	14 and B	354.68	98
394	227	"C	45.84	101
395	228	E	36.96	101
396	228	28, 29	310.58	101
397	229-231	4	156.14	101
398	229-231	51	17.14	101
399	229-231	52	17.14	101
400	229-231	59	12.72	101
402	282	2 A	134.07	96 & 99
404	413	12	45.84	101
408	586	30	72.25	102
409	Pts. Blocks 266, 267, 269, 265, 270	7 Acres Meadow	337.86	79
410	Pts. Blocks 250, 251, 252, 253	6 Acres Meadow	58.10	101
411	268	"248	89.93	98
412	268	"248, "249	91.68	98
413	268	"249, "250	69.62	98
414	268	"250	67.87	98
415	268	"251	23.73	98
416	268	"249	23.73	98
417	268	"250	28.11	98
418	268	"251	23.73	98
419	268	252	32.54	98
420	268	253	28.11	98
426	273	8	142.87	99
427	304	G	67.87	98
428	304	H	134.07	98
429	304	20	112.05	99
431	309	23	266.40	99
432	336	383	10.51	96
433	337	272	10.51	96
434	433	18	45.84	96
435	487	"17	89.93	96
436	488	"19	156.14	101
437	491		222.34	101
443	578	East side of Blk. 1½ Acres	147.29	101
444	587	D	112.05	101
445	587	C 1	156.14	101
446	594	1, 2, 3, 4, "5, "6	23.73	101
447	676	C	134.07	101
448	693	Whole of Block	164.94	95
449	694	Whole of Block	164.94	95
450	695	Whole of Block	164.94	95
451	1500	Land under water in Plot O. F. G. described	1695.40	96

Ctf. No.	Block.	Lots.	Amount.	Adjusted Report No.
452	515	2	19.31	101
455	529	76	10.51	101
456	529	78	10.51	101
457	529	80	10.51	101
458	529	75	14.89	101
459	529	77	14.89	101
460	531	14	8.30	101
461	531	16	8.30	101
462	531	13	6.05	101
463	531	15	6.05	101
464	533	1	3.88	101
465	548	50	67.87	101
466	549	37 to 40	23.73	101
468	550	117	19.31	101
470	551	61	14.89	101
471	558	T	156.14	101
472	558	S	156.14	101
473	559	23	41.38	101
477	562	1	10.51	101
478	565	4	28.11	101
479	565	42	45.84	101
480	565	37	67.87	101
481	565	36	54.60	101
482	565	28	45.84	98
484	598	99	14.89	101
485	598	100	10.51	101
486	599	D	19.31	101
487	601	8	72.35	101
488	601	10	23.73	98
489	602	6	54.60	98
490	602	8	54.60	101
491	603	66	23.73	101
492	603	68	23.73	101
493	603	70	23.73	101
494	603	72	23.73	101
495	603	74	23.73	101
496	603	76	23.73	101
497	603	78	23.73	101
498	603	80	23.73	101
500	604	62	23.73	101
501	604	64	23.73	101
502	604	66	23.73	101
503	604	68	23.73	101
504	604	70	23.73	101
505	604	72	23.73	101
506	604	74	23.73	101
507	604	61	23.73	101
508	604	63	23.73	101
509	604	65	23.73	101
510	604	67	23.73	101
511	604	69	23.73	101
512	604	71	23.73	101
513	604	73	23.73	101
514	604	75	23.73	101
515	608	50	6.05	101
516	609	38	6.05	101
517	609	39	6.05	101
518	622	"4	3.88	101
519	622	22	8.30	101
520	622	23	8.30	101
521	622	73	7.20	101
522	622	74	7.20	101
525	625	1, 2, 3	301.70	102
527	656	1 to 4	10.51	101
528	656	27 to 33	17.14	101
529	657	8	112.05	101
530	658	1 to 4	10.51	101

Ctf. No.	Block.	Lots.	Amount.	Adjusted Report No.
531	658	5, 6	8.30	101
532	658	7	6.05	101
533	663	10	50.18	98
540	708	1	112.05	101
541	708	45	6.05	101
542	708	46	6.05	101
543	708	47	6.05	101
544	708	48	6.05	101
545	708	49	6.05	101
546	1255	51	6.05	102
566	1257	2	23.73	102
567	1257	3	8.30	102
569	1258	70	41.38	102
573	1274	28 to 30	24.84	102
574	1274	31	8.30	102
575	1274	112	7.19	102
576	1274	113	14.89	102
577	1274	155 to 157	21.61	102
578	1291	7	5.03	75
581	1335	23, 24	14.89	97
586	1363	35	12.72	102
587	1363	53 to 56	116.39	102
588	1364	4	14.89	95, 98
589	1367	"4	113.76	102
590	1367	W "11	40.04	102
591	1372	43, 44, 45	67.87	102
592	1372	46	10.51	102
593	1376	26	7.18	97
594	1376	27	7.19	97
595	1376	28	7.18	97
596	1376	29	7.19	97
597	1376	63	8.30	97
598	1376	64	7.19	97
599	1376	65	7.18	97
600	1376	66	7.19	97
601	1379	43	14.89	97
602	1379	51	23.73	102
603	1380	14	36.96	95
605	1414	17	121.19	97
606	1414	1	32.65	97
607	1415	G	112.01	97 & 103
608	1418	25	13.83	97
609	1418	27	36.96	97
610	1418	32	10.51	102
611	1418	33	10.51	97
612	1418	34	10.51	97
613	1419	1	72.35	102
615	1425	9	60.78	97
617	1465	17	14.47	97
618	1466	P	288.55	97
619	1482	4	12.72	102
620	1482	5	12.72	102
621	1482	6	12.72	102
622	1489	13 to 16	19.31	97
623	1495	F	442.96	96
624	1500	O	67.87	96
625	1500	"F	156.15	96
626	1500	"F	23.73	96
627	1500	G	442.96	96
584	1340	24	8.30	94
614	1421	13	36.96	102
616	1442	12 to 14 ◇6	621.61	95

	$37,001.49
Interest	5,737.61
	$42,739.10

The Board then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Wednesday, September 1, 1897, at four o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The reading of the minutes of the following meetings was dispensed with and the said minutes were approved as printed in manual form on motion of Mr. Simpson:—

Regular meeting August 18, 1897; adjourned regular meeting, August 19, 1897, and adjourned meeting, August 26, 1897.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Petition of Frank E. Price for the return of $3 claimed to be overpaid for water rents, 1897.

Petition of Catharine Brown, for return of $21, for erroneous assessment of water rents (horses and horse power engine) for 1897.

Petition of F. Fuchs, for the return of $3 for over-payment of water rents for 1897.

Petition of Ellen Maloney for the return of $28.51 for duplicate payment of water rents for the year 1895.

Petition of A. H. Reikens, for the return of $3 for overpayment of water rents, 1897.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Albert Datz, $48.50; Edward T. Morgan, $21.75; James B. Hill, $175.25 and $56.25; Frank J. Higgins, $72; J. Herbert Potts, $108.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, September 1, 1897.

Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—In accordance with Chapter 123 of the Laws of 1897, I hereby appoint Edward T. Morgan a Deputy Collector of Arrears of Taxes, subject to your sanction.

Yours truly.

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed.

From the Board of Police Commissioners:—

Resolution (adopted August 30, 1897) requesting the Board to appropriate the sum of $3,707.55 to pay for lighting streets, public buildings and public places for years 1892 and 1893.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

The following resolutions were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Ordering paid certain claims.
(Adopted August 30, 1897.)

2. To pay to Dickinson, Thompson & McMaster, attorneys of Wood & Menagh, $275 to pay claims due prior to May 1, 1897, suit having been instituted and no defence can be offered.
(Adopted August 30, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners August 30, 1897, to wit:—

"Ordering paid the following claims."

A. E. Nolan, $42 and $55.50; Albert Datz, $21; N. Y. Lubricating Oil Co., $54.27.

The report was received and the resolution was concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That so much of the resolution adopted by this Board at its meeting May 19, 1897, in connection with the purchase of certain sites for school purposes as is comprehended in the following, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded:—

"4. All those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson county, New Jersey, and which on a map, entitled 'Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, Surveyor,'' are known as Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, Block No. 714, said plot being 212.8 feet frontage on the westerly side of Palisade avenue, 93.9 feet frontage on southerly side of Reservoir avenue, 129 feet on northerly side of Prospect and 100 feet in the rear, be any dimensions more or less.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Mr. Emile Stieger, agent, for sixteen thousand eight hundred dollars ($16,800), in full payment for the above mentioned site for school purposes; the warrant, as aforesaid, not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed, vesting the title of said property in the city, free of all encumbrance, and duly approved by the Corpor-

ation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That this Board, as recommended in the report of the Committee of the Whole, under date of May 19th, 1897, authorized the acquisition of the sites hereinafter described, to wit:—

4. All those certain lots, pieces and parcels of land situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, New Jersey, and which on a map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, Surveyor," are known as lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, block No. 714, on Palisade avenue.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Emile Stieger, agent, for eight thousand three hundred dollars ($8,300), in full payment for the above mentioned site for school purposes; the warrant as aforesaid not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed, vesting the title of said property in the City, free of all encumbrances, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

4a. All those certain lots, pieces and parcels of land situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson County, N. J., and which on a map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, Surveyor," are known as lots Nos. 5, 6 and 7, Block 714, on Palisade avenue.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas F. Murphy for eight thousand five hundred dollars ($8,500) in full payment for the above mentioned site for school purposes, the purchase of all of which with this exception having been heretofore ordered by this Board; the warrant as aforesaid not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed vesting the title of said property in the city, free of all encumbrances, and duly appproved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have first been filed.

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cancel any warrant or warrants drawn to the order of Emil Stieger, agent, in the sum of sixteen thousand and eight hundred dollars ($16,800) in payment for the above described school site, etc.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

WINFIELD C. DUNN,
Clerk Pro Tem.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Wednesday, September 15, 1897, at four o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the regular meeting of September 1, 1897, were approved as engrossed on motion of Mr. Kellers.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented, received and they were each referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Petition of Wm. Harney & Son for the return of $30, for erroneous assessment of water rents for year 1897.

Petition of M. Craven, for the return of $20.75, for duplicate payment of water rents for 1897.

Petition of C. Pinnell, for the return of $12.55, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897.

Petition of Isabella Isbister, for the return of $10, for over-payment of water rents for year 1897, through error in addition of bill.

Petition of Simon Flaherty, for the return of $5, for over-payment of water rents (barber) for the year 1895.

Petition of George Schroepfer, for the return of $10 for over-payment of water rents (beer pump) fo rthe year 1897.

The following petitions were referred to the City Comptroller:—

Petition of A. A. Frank, attorney for John D. Brane, for the return of $21.48. amount charged for interest on payment for taxes.

Petition of Nat. E. Smith, for the return of $454.72, paid by him as deposit for property bought at sale of city property, etc., etc., June, 1897.

The following petition was presented, received and referred to the Corporation Counsel:—

Petition of William H. Speer concerning the loss of certain certificates of tax sale and requesting that the money be returned. A bond of indemnity accompanied the petition in the sum of $360.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—James B. Hill, $62.73; Albert Datz, $6.10; Frank Meyer, $26; Hamilton A. Lush, $70; A. F. Pichot & Co., $26; Isaac Van Saun, $50; J. M. Startup, $83.33; Evening Journal, $229.16; Albert Payne, $66.66; Frank Stevens, $37.07; George B. Fielder, $23.15.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, Sept. 13, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—Herewith I attach bill of $252.09 for the improvement of Crescent avenue, from Communipaw to Clinton avenues, confirmed February 2, 1897, assessed to "The Corporation of Jersey City," which amount, $252.09, ought to be paid by warrant, or the same cancelled by resolution of your Honorable Board, and the City Comptroller duly notified.

Yours truly,

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Corporation Counsel:—

The following communication was received from the Corporation Counsel in answer to a resolution adopted August 30, 1897, by the Board of Police Commissioners, and received by Board of Finance September 1, 1897, making requisition for the sum of $3,707.55 to pay claims of United Gas Improvement Company for years 1892 and 1893:—

Jersey City, Sept. 10, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—I respectfully advise against the payment of the above claim.

First. Because the Board of Police Commissioners have no power to make requisition upon your Board for such money, and

Second, Because it does not anywhere appear that the foregoing items were not included in the sum already paid on account, I was under the impression that this whole matter was settled.

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed and the Board of Police Commisisoners to be notified of the action of this Board.

From the Board of Street and Water Commissioners:—

The following resolutions were presented, received and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Awarding to James J. Harrington the contract for the improvement of Hutton street, from Hudson Boulevard to a point about 150 feet west of Summit avenue (in acordance with the provisfons of Chapter 217, of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $5,836.20.

(Adopted September 7, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent, etc., in the Water Department for the month of August, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,233.

(Adopted September 7, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service, for the month of August, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $2,102.25.

(Adopted September 7, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid the salaries of employes laying and repairing water pipe for the month of August, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $3,183.50.

(Adopted September 7, 1897.)

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted September 7, 1897.)

6. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted September 14, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Stdeet and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the following salaries for the month of August, 1897, as per payrolls:—

General Superintendent, etc., $1,233; Belleville and High Service, $2,102.25; laying and repairing water pipe, $3,183.50.

(Adopted September 7, 1897.)

2. Awarding to James J. Harrington the contract for the improvement of Hutton street, from Hudson Boulevard to a point about 150 feet west of Summit avenue (estimated cost, $5,836.20).

(Adopted September 7, 1897.)

3. Whereas, Suit has been instituted against the city at the instance of Dickinson, Thompson & McMaster, attorneys, for Wood & Menagh, for suplies and materials furnished this Board prior to May 1, 1897; and

Whereas, It is the opinion of counsel that payment of said claim cannot be successfully resisted;

Resolved, That the sum of $275 be paid to Dickinson, Thompson & McMaster, attorneys for Wood & Menagh, as aforesaid, in full of all demand for materials furnished by said Wood & Menagh prior to the first day of May, 1897.

Charge Water Account, A & E.

(Adopted August 30, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid the following claims:—

September 7, 1897—James Lyons, $82.05; A. E. Nolan, $3.75; Otto Bahr,$30.51; James P. Hall, $27.50, $10.10, $6 and $38.40; N. Y. Lubricating Oil Co., $105.36.

5. Ordering paid the following claims:—

September 15, 1897—Charles Both, $520; L. S. Hubbard, $260; Wm. J. Altherr, $168; J. C. Supply Co., $11, $75, $280.60, $65 and $66; Michael Seeley, $25.50; James Muldoon, $28.72; Mrs. P. Sherry, $26; E. A. Dugan, $58; The Barber Asphalt Paving Co., $16.47; The Boyd Directory Co., $5; Charles E Lillis, $87.20; Charles L. Davis, $12; James P. Hall, $5; John Lawless, $8.50.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$37.07 to Frank Stevens for commissions on collections of rents for quarter ending June 30, 1897, of city property, etc.

(Chargeable to special general account.)

$136 to Frank J. Higgins for fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court, bill of June 30, 1897.

(Chargeable to account fees from First Criminal Court.)

$26 to A. F. Pichot & Co. for printing 250 copies of tax sale No. 17.

$50 to Isaac Van Saun for services as temporary clerk in City Comptroller's office for month of September, 1897, when due.

$83.33 to J. M. Startup for services as extra clerk, City Collector.'s office, for month of September, 1897, when due.

$6.10 to Albert Datz for rubber stamps and tax blanks.

$48.50 to Albert Datz for printing and postage stamps, etc.

(Chargeable to account "Martin Act.")

$70 to Hamilton A. Lush, for services as assistant to clerk, First District Court, for month of September, 1897, when due.

$26 to Frank Meyer, for services as Marshal, First District Court, for month of August, 1897, 26 days.

(Chargeable to account District Court fees.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The same committee further reported, recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the salaries of the Mayor and others for the month of September, 1897, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $4,691.64.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$175.25 to James B. Hill, for postage stamps, stationery, etc., etc., for City Collector.

$56.25 to James B. Hill, for stationery, etc., etc., for City Collector.

$62.73 to James B. Hill, for stationery, etc., etc., Mayor's office.

$21.75 to Edward T. Morgan, for typewriting resolution, schedule of property sold under "Martin Act," ordering same cancelled.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of F. H. Spengeman, agent of The Monticello Building and Loan Association, for the sum of $4, erroneous assessment paid for water rents (barber) for 1897, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Midlige on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Ellen Maloney for $28.51, for dupicate payment of water rents for year 1895, on Lot S, Block 304, No. 20½ Colden street, paid August 9, 1897, being duplicate of payment made June 19, 1895.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $3 in favor of Frank E. Price, to return amount overcharged and paid for water rents, year, 1897 (water closet); lot 42 to 44, Block 514, No. 47 Clinton avenue, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $21, in favor of Catherine Brown, to return to her amount erroneously assessed and paid for water rents, year 1897 (horses, $1; 5 H. P. engine, $20); lot 6, Block 439, No. 100 Halladay street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $3, in favor of F. Fuchs, to return amount overcharged and paid for water rents, year 1897 (water closet); lot 13, Block 829, No. 18 Sherman place, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles Pinnell, for $12.55, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897, on lot 4, triangle 7, Block 861, Zabriskie street, paid June, 1897, being duplicate of payment made June 18, 1897, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of M. Craven, for $20.75, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1895, on Lot L, Block 271, No. 85 Mercer street, paid June 25, 1897, being duplicate of payment made June 25, 1897, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $30 in favor of William Harney, Son, to return to him amount erroneously assessed and paid for water rents, year 1897 (bar, $10; urinal, 5; beer pump, $10, and water closet, $5; total, $30); lot 28, Block 193, No. 197 Grand street, paid July 6, 1897, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of A. H. Reikens, for $3, for over-payment of water rents for year 1897, on lot 18, Block 825, No. 147 Bowers street, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Isabella F. Isbister, for $10, to return overpayment made through an error in the addition of the water rent bill for year 1897, lot 1, Block 235 (No. 267 York street and No. 256 Barrow street), bill paid June 28, 1897, was for $67.35, amount should have been $57.35, and that the Water Registrar be notified.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City purchased at a tax sale held by the City Collector of Jersey City, on the 18th day of October, 1892, the following described property to wit:—

Lot 103, Block 1,000, fronting on meadow lots in the city of Jersey City, and afterwards and on the 15th day of November, 1894, the said City Collector executed his deed of conveyance to the said the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, conveying unto it all the right and title of the parties named in said deed in and to the above described premises; and

Whereas, By reason of defects in the service of the notice to redeem the right and title of certain heirs had not been cut off, and the right of said heirs to redemption had not been extinguished, therefore, upon the application of the heirs and upon payment to the City Treasurer of amount due thereon; be it

Resolved, That the said the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City do convey to the estate of Jacob Bohlander its interest in said premises acquired under and by virtue of said deed of conveyance from the City Collector of Jersey City (sale No.

3,166, Certificate No. 1,629, Deed No. 474).

The following resolution was also presented and received, and the same was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes.—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays.—Mr. Midlige—1.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That the appointment of Edward T. Morgan, as Deputy Collector of Arrears of Taxes, made by the City Collector, as per communication received September 1, 1897, in accordance with Chapter 123 of the Laws of 1897, be and the same is hereby sanctioned by this Board.

On motion of Mr. Kellers the Board took a recess for five minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board the following members were present:—

President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent.—Mr. Bailey—1.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes.—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays.—None.

Absent.—Mr. Bailey—1.

By President Brautigam:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby appropriates the sum of $4,225.98, to pay amount of judgments recovered against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey, in favor of the following parties:—

William D. Tallman, N. J. Supreme Court:—

Damages	$1,909 06
Cost on entry of judgment	42 72
Interest on judgment from December 24, 1896, to July 9, 1897	63 35
Taxed costs, Court of Errors	23 07
Taxed costs, Supreme Court, on remittitur	4 94
Total	$2,043 14

Louis H. Broome, N. J. Supreme Court:—

Damages	$2,000 00
Costs	182 84
Total	$2,182 84

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance of this Board be and are hereby authorized to issue temporary loan bonds in the sum of $4,225.98, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 % per annum, the proceeds of the sale of said bonds to pay the judgments as aforesaid; and

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in payment of the following judgments:—

Allan L. McDermott, attorney of William D. Tallman:—

Damages	$1,909 06
Costs, etc	134 08
Total	$2,043 14

Vredenburgh & Garretson, attorneys of Lewis H. Broome:—

Damages	$2,000 00
Costs, etc	182 84
Total	$2,182 84

Resolved, That the amount of $4,225.98, as above shown, be placed in the next tax levy; and further

Resolved, That the City Clerk is hereby directed not to deliver any of the above warrants except upon the production of proper satisfaction pieces.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, August 30, 1897, to wit:—

Whereas, Suit has been instituted against the city, at the instance of Dickinson, Thompson & McMaster, attorneys for Wood & Menagh, for supplies and materials furnished this Board prior to May 1, 1897; and

Whereas, It is the opinion of counsel that payment of said claim cannot be successfully resisted;

Resolved, That the sum of $275 be paid to Dickinson, Thompson & McMaster, attorneys for Wood & Menagh, as aforesaid, in full of all demand for materials furnished by said Wood & Menagh prior to the first day of May, 1897.

Charge water account, A. and E.

Said warrant to be delivered upon the filing of a release under seal of all claims included therein, to be approved by the Corporation Counsel or Attorney.

By Mr. Kellers on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The City Collector did on the 17th day of October, 1893, under the direction of this Board by resolution adopted August 14, 1893, sell certain property to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for unpaid taxes for the year 1889; and

Whereas, A large number of pieces of the property thus sold have subsequently been adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 191 of the Laws of 1894; therefore be it

Resolved, That the certificate of sale, given by the City Collector, for property so sold and since adjusted as aforesaid and as included in the schedule hereto annexed, be and the same are hereby ordered cancelled; and be it further

Resolved, That the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund be and they are hereby requested to pay into the City Treasury the sum of $58,743.74, being the amount of taxes for the year 1889, and interest on

same included in subsequent adjustment of taxes, etc., for the taxes of said year 1889; the amount so paid into the City Treasury to be used for the payment of Tax Redemption Bonds issued on account of said purchase of property by the city at said sale held October 17, 1893, and that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, the City Clerk and City Comptroller be served with a copy of this resolution.

Ctf. No.	Block.	Lot.	Amount.	Adjusted Report No.
2	4	22	$156.59	98
3	4	23	156.59	98
4	7	Annex	388.84	99
5	36	6	117.87	99
6	36	B	71.39	98
7	36	A	71.39	98
8	36	11	183.39	98
9	38	B	369.48	99
11	66	N	117.87	98
12	67	28	117.87	98
14	69	36	311.40	98
15	102	R	79.15	94
16	103	53	79.15	99, 103
17	132	A	156.59	98
18	132	M	175.94	98
19	133	A 1	234.00	98
20	134	C	32.68	99
21	135	5	311.40	96
22	136	12	137.23	96
23	136½	6	1,317.85	98
24	137	19	857.79	99
25	137	4	408.18	99
27	199	H ½	195.29	99
30	202	S	98.52	99
32	233	Part 215	32.68	98
33	233	228	32.68	98
35	238	M	71.39	99
36	239	28	117.87	99
37	240	"11	504.95	98
45	73	36	121.84	99
46	105	112	166.01	96
47	105	U	141.04	99
54	139	102	79.15	98
55	139	"102	137.23	98
56	139	108	98.52	98
57	139	F	156.59	99
62	154	16	40.45	100
63	155	10	9.52	100
64	172	135	79.15	98
65	172	½ of 133 A	59.81	98
66	173	131	71.39	100
67	173	129	71.39	100
68	176	A	55.92	100
69	178	16	148.80	96
70	179	15	110.09	96
71	180	32	156.59	100
72	182	6	67.58	100
73	185	11	59.81	100
74	185	19	117.87	101
79	187	17	33.03	100
80	187	E	117.87	98
83	189	16	21.10	100
84	191	21, 22	40.45	100
87	219	3	175.94	100
88	219	6	156.59	100
89	219	A	272.69	100
90	219	B	175.94	100
91	219	9, 10	233.99	100
94	219	23, 24	388.83	100
95	219	31	98.52	100
96	220	F	63.70	100
97	220	S	71.39	100
98	220	A	24.99	100
100	223	15	40.45	100
101	223	16	48.23	100
102	224	9	36.57	100
103	224	10	48.23	100
104	224	A	34.43	96
111	225	18	40.45	100
112	225	A	13.37	100
113	225	B	13.37	100
114	226	9 A	21.10	100
115	226	9 B	21.10	100
120	226	17	40.45	100
121	226	18	40.45	100
122	226	20	40.45	100
123	228	3	59.81	100
124	228	4	59.81	100
125	228	7	59.81	100
126	228	8	59.81	100
127	255	P	90.73	100
128	255	S	86.93	100
129	255	T	86.93	100
131	256	30	137.23	100
134	257	3	156.59	100
135	257	4	156.59	100
136	257	6	156.59	98
137	257	25	71.39	100
138	257	26	71.39	100
139	257	32	137.23	100
140	258	12	52.03	96
141	258	15	63.70	100
142	258	19	52.03	100
143	258	20	52.03	100
144	259	21	24.99	100
145	259	22	24.99	100
146	259	23	24.99	100
147	259	24	24.99	100
148	259	25	24.99	100
149	259	26	24.99	100
150	260	3	36.57	100
155	260	"24	9.52	100
156	260	"24	7.53	100
157	260	25	24.99	100
158	260	26	24.99	100
159	260	27	24.99	100
160	261	10	32.68	100 & 103
161	261	11	32.68	100 & 103
162	261	12	32.68	100 & 103
163	261	13	32.68	100 & 103
164	261	14	32.68	100 & 103
165	261	15	21.10	100 & 103
166	261	16	21.10	100 & 103
167	261	Gore	5.63	100 & 103
168	290	K	55.92	100
169	290	L	55.92	100
170	292	6	59.81	100
171	293	9	11.27	100
172	293	10	11.27	100
173	293	11	11.27	100
174	293	"30 rear	5.63	100
175	293	"31 rear	5.63	100
176	293	"32 rear	7.53	100

Ctf. No.	Block.	Lot.	Amount.	Adjusted Report No.
177	324	21	98.42	96
178	324	22	98.42	96
181	326	32	63.70	100 & 102
182	358	O	79.15	100
183	358	Y	137.23	100
184	358	F 1	98.42	100
185	358	L 1	86.93	100
186	358	M 1	86.93	100
187	358	C	59.81	100
188	359	11	137.23	100
189	359	12	137.23	100
190	359	13	137.23	100
191	359	14	137.23	100
192	359	31	40.45	103
194	361	29	17.21	100
195	363	1	21.10	100
196	363	28	13.37	100
198	376	12	24.99	99
199	383	2	40.45	99
200	383	15	79.15	99 & 102
201	383	14	63.70	99 & 102
202	384	″21, ″22, ″23, ″24	78.77	99
204	385	N	311.40	99
205	387a	5	86.93	99
206	393	5	71.39	100
207	393	6	59.81	100
208	393	16	40.45	100
209	393	″22, ″23, ″24, A1	30.62	100
210	393	″22, ″23, ″24, B1	26.74	100
211	393	″22, ″23,″24 C	26.74	100
213	394	Z	40.45	100
214	394	B	98.52	100
215	401	14	9.52	100
216	401	15	9.52	100
217	401	16	9.52	100
218	401	C	11.27	100
219	402	B	40.07	100
222	403	″8, ″9 D	21.10	99
223	409	16	40.45	99
226	411	6	71.39	99
227	412	11	40.45	99
228	417	H	48.23	103
229	417	L	94.63	100
231	419	27, 28	63.70	94
232	420	″5	59.81	100
236	427	4	32.68	99
242	428	″Z	67.58	99
243	430	23	21.10	99
244	430	10	40.45	99
245	430	11	40.45	99
246	430	12	40.45	99
247	430	13	32.68	99
248	430	14	32.68	99
249	430	15	32.68	99
250	430	16	32.68	99
251	430	17	32.68	99
252	430	18	32.68	99
253	430	K	48.23	99
254	430	L	36.55	99
255	435	2	40.45	100
256	435	3	40.45	100
257	435	4	40.45	100
258	435	5	40.45	100
259	435	6	40.45	100
260	435	7	40.45	100
261	435	8	40.45	100
262	435	9	40.45	100
263	435	10	40.45	100
264	435	11	40.45	100
265	435	12	40.45	100
266	435	13	40.45	100
267	435	14	40.45	100
268	435	15	40.45	100
269	435	16	40.45	100
270	435	17	40.45	100
271	435	18	40.45	100
272	436	20	32.68	100
273	436	21	36.55	100
274	436	22	40.45	100
275	438	12	36.55	100
276	441	1, 2	63.70	100
277	442	1	7.53	100
278	442	2	7.53	100
279	442	3	7.53	100
280	442	4	7.53	100
281	442	5	7.53	100
282	442	6	7.53	100
283	442	7	7.53	100
284	442	8	48.23	100
301	446½	D Gore	28.87	100
302	453	L	2.72	100
306	207	21	14.32	100
307	207	20	14.32	100
308	207	19	9.52	100
309	209	15	21.10	101
310	209	16	9.52	101
311	209	17	7.53	101
312	209	18	7.53	101
313	209	19	7.53	101
314	209	20	7.53	101
315	209	21	7.53	101
316	209	22	7.53	101
317	209	23	7.53	101
318	209	24	7.53	101
319	209	25	7.53	101
320	209	26	7.53	101
321	209	27	7.53	101
322	209	28	11.42	101
323	210	Gore 28	4.64	101
324	210	″32, ″33, 34 D	46.09	101
325	211	26	7.53	96
326	211	25	9.52	96
327	211	24	9.52	96
328	211	23	9.52	96
329	211	22	9.52	96
330	211	21	9.52	96
331	211	20	9.52	96
332	211	19	9.52	96
333	211	18	9.52	96
334	211	17	11.42	96
335	211	16	17.06	96
336	211	15	15.12	96
337	211	14	15.12	96
338	211	13	15.12	96
339	211	12	15.12	96
340	211	11	15.12	96
341	211	10	15.12	96
342	211	9	15.12	96
343	211	8	15.12	96
344	211	7	15.12	96
345	211	6	15.12	96
346	211	5	15.12	96

Ctf. No.	Block.	Lot.	Amount.	Adjusted Report No.
347	216-217	50 to 63 B	30.77	101
348	216-217	64	4.81	101
349	216-217	65	4.81	101
350	216-217	66	4.81	101
351	216-217	67	4.81	101
352	216-217	68	4.81	101
353	216-217	69	4.81	101
354	216-217	70	4.81	101
355	216-217	71	4.81	101
356	216-217	72	4.81	101
357	216-217	73	9.52	101
358	216-217	24	18.96	101
359	216-217	1 to 9 B	18.96	101
360	293-300	1 to 20 B	52.03	101
361	293-300	21	5.63	101
362	293-300	22 Front Part	3.69	101
363	293-300	23 Front Part	4.81	101
364	293-300	17 Front Part	4.81	101
365	293-300	18 Front Part	4.81	101
366	293-300	19 Front Part	4.81	101
367	293-300	20 Front Part	3.69	101
368	293-300	21 Front Part	2.51	101
369	297	26	40.45	101
370	299	16	48.23	101
371	301	5	5.63	101
372	301	6	7.53	101
373	328	19	9.52	101
374	329	9	11.42	101
377	339	70, 71, 72, 73	233.99	96
378	341	4	15.31	101
379	341	5	15.31	101
381	341	31	137.23	101
382	341	32	28.87	101
383	341	33	28.87	101
384	341	36	24.99	101
385	341	"57	71.39	96
386	341	"57, "58	71.39	96
387	341	"58	71.39	96
388	346	D	111.84	101
389	346	6	17.21	101
390	346	7	17.21	101
391	346	8	24.99	101
392	350	C	156.59	101
393	350	33	40.45	101
394	352	12	71.39	101
395	501	"1	137.23	100
396	501	"2	40.45	100
397	501	"2	71.39	100
398	504	Plot 100x200 SS of 1st 100 ft. of Waldo av. Part Plot 71	132.65	100
399	504	71 C Factory or 2d St.	80.90	100
400	504	71 D Factory or 1st St.	119.62	100
401	504	71 E Waldo & 1st St.	80.90	100
402	504	71 G Waldo & 1st, R. R. ave.	225.92	100
403	504	100	21.10	100
404	504	101	21.10	100
405	505	"13	48.23	100
406	205	25	148.80	99
408	207	24	233.99	99
409	212	A	110.09	100
410	212	"21, "22	32.68	100
411	242	24	137.23	99
412	244	12	175.94	99
413	248	A	79.15	98
414	274	26	40.45	96
415	274	28	388.84	96
417	278	C	125.65	99
418	280	M	98.52	96
420	280	B	40.45	100
421	281	5	350.12	100
422	281	F 1	156.59	100
425	310	2	233.99	99
426	311	22	125.65	99
427	313	36	137.23	102
428	314	C	98.52	99
431	318	B 1	98.52	96
432	320	U	137.23	100
433	348	10	98.52	99
435	351	D	117.87	99
436	351	F	137.23	99
438	352	11	121.75	99
439	352	Z	48.23	99
440	353	R	59.81	99
441	353	S	48.23	99
442	353	T	48.23	99
443	356	14	79.15	100
444	359	29	117.87	100 & 102
445	386	6, 7	195.29	99
446	386	5	117.87	99
447	387	14	137.23	99
448	388	Rear Part 5, 6	65.45	99
449	388	B 1	44.34	99
450	388	D 1	63.70	99
451	388	M 1	71.39	99
452	388	B	79.15	99
459	392	M	63.70	100
460	392	23	40.45	100
461	392	24	40.45	100
462	392	"28	24.99	100
463	392	29	79.15	100
464	551	"115 A	458.48	100
466	564	52 C	40.45	102
467	577	2	44.34	102
468	577	3	24.99	102
481	616	13	17.21	102
482	616	14	13.37	102
483	616	15	13.37	102
484	617	18	13.37	102
485	617	19	17.21	102
486	617	21	13.37	102
487	617	28	13.37	102
488	618	20	48.23	102
491	618	32	13.37	102
492	618	33	13.37	102
493	623	5	13.37	102
494	623	18	13.37	102
495	624	21	86.93	102
496	640	101	65.45	102
497	643	30	215.63	102
498	643	38	94.63	102
499	662	208	36.57	102
500	662	209, "210	17.21	102
501	662	211, "210	17.21	102
502	679	20	5.63	96
504	699	36	11.42	102
506	750	57	17.21	102
507	750	58	17.21	102
508	750	59	17.21	102

Ctf. No.	Block.	Lot.	Amount.	Adjusted Report No.
509	750	60	17.21	102
510	765	3	17.21	102
513	782	259	73.14	102
517	806	Front "1 } C (four)	15.12	102
518	806	Front "2 }	15.12	102
519	807	"1 to 4 F 4	9.52	102
520	807	27	98.52	102
521	809	18	24.99	102
524	811	47	13.37	102
531	823	44	15.31	102
532	823	45	15.31	102
533	823	46	24.99	102
534	823	47	24.99	102
535	826	19	52.03	87
538	850	1	71.39	102
539	874	9	15.31	102
540	874	100	15.31	102
542	877	"328	55.92	102
543	877	"329	24.99	102
544	877	330	40.45	102
545	877	331	63.70	102
546	877	"328, "329	71.39	102
548	888	Rear "44, "45	3.69	102
551	893	4	59.81	102
552	893	10	9.52	102
553	896	3	36.57	102
554	896	14	36.57	102
555	896	15	36.57	102
556	896	16	36.57	102
557	896	14 } F (one)	9.52	102
558	896	15 }	9.52	102
559	907A	17 A	13.37	102
560	907A	2 A	11.42	102
561	908G	15	7.53	102
562	908G	16	7.53	102
563	909F	23	7.53	102
564	909F	24	7.53	102
565	909F	4	5.63	102
566	909F	10	5.63	102
567	909F	18	5.63	102
568	909F	19	5.63	102
569	909F	20	5.63	102
570	909F	21	5.63	102
571	909F	29	5.63	102
572	909F	35	5.63	102
573	909F	47	5.63	102
574	909F	48	21.10	102
575	910E	13	5.63	102
576	910E	14	5.63	102
577	910E	20	5.63	102
578	910E	25	5.63	102
579	910E	26	5.63	102
580	915	9	28.87	102
581	915	20	40.45	102
583	916	39, "40	119.62	102
584	916	"40	44.34	102
586	917	76	9.52	102
587	918	91	7.53	102
596	984	3, 4, 5	7.53	102
597	985	1	3.69	102
598	985	2	3.69	102
599	985	5	3.69	102
600	1000	36	2.51	102
601	1000	37	2.51	102
602	1000	38	2.51	102
603	1000	39	2.51	102
604	1000	40	2.51	102
605	1000	41	2.51	102
606	1000	42	2.51	102
607	1000	73	2.51	102
608	1000	74	2.51	102
609	1000	75	2.51	102
610	1050	23	2.51	102
611	1050	24	2.51	102
612	1050	25	2.51	102
613	1050	26	2.51	102
614	1050	27	2.51	102
615	1050	28	2.51	102
616	1050	29	2.51	102
617	1050	80	2.51	102
618	1050	81	2.51	102
619	1050	82	2.51	102
620	1125	Plot 20	32.68	102
621	1132	45	48.23	102
624	23	"19, "18	9.52	101
625	25-55	14	71.39	101
627	27-53	8	11.42	101
630	"50, "51, "52, "53, "54, "55	74	6.39	101
631	"50, "51, "52 "53, "54, "55	75	6.39	101
638	88	28	32.68	101
639	88	29	36.57	101
640	88	30	32.68	101
641	88	31	7.53	101
642	88	32 Gore	7.53	101
643	93	80	5.63	101
644	93	81	5.63	101
645	93	N. W. Cor. Blk. 93	26.74	101
		93	26.74	101
648	118	38	18.96	101
649	118	39	15.31	101
652	138	"1, "2, "3	158.34	101
654	140	23 M 2	36.57	101
655	182	142	3.69	101
656	182	115	3.69	101
657	182	109	3.69	101
658	182	101	2.51	101
659	183	1	5.63	101
660	183	48	5.63	101
661	183	21	5.63	101
662	183	22	5.63	101
663	183	23	3.69	101
664	183	26, 27, 28	7.53	101
666	185	228	4.05	101
667	185	227	4.05	101
668	185	226	4.05	101
669	185	224	4.05	101
670	185	223	4.05	101
671	185	213	4.05	101
674	189	445	14.34	101
675	189	456	13.77	101
676	189	457	13.77	101
677	195	9, 10	98.52	101
685	198	16	71.39	101
686	200	4	117.87	101
688	218	1, 2	49.98	103
689	218	34	28.87	101
690	218	32 A	28.87	101
691	218	30 A	28.87	101

Ctf. No.	Block.	Lot.	Amount.	Adjusted Report No.
692	218	31	17.21	101
693	218	33	17.21	101
694	218	35	17.21	101
695	218	39	17.21	101
696	218	41	17.21	101
697	218	"39, "41 Front	30.62	101
698	218	Part 23a 25E Front 43, Front 45, Pts. 21, 23	140.33	101
699	218	"43, "45, "21, "23	13.02	101
700	218	"23, "25	5.63	101
701	218	"E	40.45	101
702	218	H, J	137.23	101
703	218	F	137.23	101
705	221	9	28.87	101
706	221	8	28.87	101
707	224½	B	32.68	101
708	225	Rear "22 A	9.52	101
709	225	"16	36.57	101
710	225	"16	36.57	101
712	227	6	59.81	98
713	227	14 & B	330.75	98
714	227	C	40.45	101
715	228	E	34.43	101
716	228	28, 29	292.06	101
717	229-231	4	138.98	101
719	229-231	20 feet 59	13.02	101
721	282	2 A	117.87	96 & 99
722	282	A	137.23	101
724	286	23	71.39	101
725	286	59, 61	71.39	101
726	287	9	40.45	101
727	358	P	9.52	101
728	358	O	63.70	101
729	413	12	40.45	101
738	"365, "366, "367, "368, "369, "370, "371, "372, "373, "374,	6 Acres Upland	357.12	101
739	"378, "379, "380, "381,	3 Acres Meadow	30.24	101
740	"365, "366, "367	1016 A	219.13	101
741	"367 to 373, "398 to "406	½ of 1016	792.60	101
743	"373, "374, "375, "396, "397, "398,	½ of 1017	24.21	101
745	"375, "396	Undivided ½ of 1017 A	10.88	101
747	"266, "267, "268, "269, "270,	8 Acres Upland	297.31	101
748	"156, "157, "158, "159, "175, "176, "160, "161, "162, "163, "177, "178, "164, "165, "173, "174, "179, "180, "181,	35 Acres Meadow	251.49	101
749	"1A2 H, "242, "243, "244, "245, "246, "247, "248, "249,	2 5-100 Acres	27.71	96
750	"250, "251, "252, "253,	6 Acres Meadow	51.73	101
751	"241, "242, "243, "244, "245, "246, "247, "248, "249	20 Acres Meadow	165.34	96
752	"245, "246, "247, "248, "249, "250, "251, "252, "253,	8 1-5 Acres	72.45	101
753	"169, "170, "171 "172,	3 Acres Meadow	40.07	101
754	" 169, "170, "171, "172,	3½ Acres Meadow	32.37	101
755	"169, "170, "171, "172,	2 Acres Meadow	20.71	101
760	"169, "170, "171, "172,	5 Acres	63.31	101
761	"173, "174, "175	4 Acres	51.73	101
762	"178, "179,	1 Acre	15.12	101
763	"177	Clubhouse & Stable	124.87	101
764	"178, "179,	1 Acre	15.12	101
765	"175, "176, "177, "178,	2 Acres	28.49	101
766	"173, "174, "175, "176, "177, "178,	4 Acres	53.48	101
767	"175, "176, "177	½ Acre Meadow	22.70	101
769	268	"248	98.52	98
771	268	"250, "249	80.90	98
772	268	"250	79.15	98
773	268	"251	32.68	98
774	268	"249	32.68	98
775	268	"250	36.57	98
770	268	"248, "249	100.27	98
776	268	"251	32.68	98
777	268	252	36.57	98
778	268	253	32.68	98
783	272	16	79.15	99
784	272	17	79.15	99
785	273	8	125.65	99
786	304	G	59.81	98
787	304	H	117.87	98
790	305	20	117.87	99
792	309	23	292.06	99
793	309	A	137.23	99
794	336	383	9.48	96

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795	337	272	9.48	96
797	345	3	48.19	99
798	345	25	203.02	99
799	433	18	40.45	96
801	438	2	117.87	98
802	439	9	13.32	101
803	448	4	44.30	101
804	480	19	32.68	101
805	487	Plot 17	156.57	96
806	488	Plot 19	156.57	101
809	491	2 Acres	195.29	101
810	572	8	9.52	101
817	578	East side of Block	131.20	101
818	587	1¼ Acres	102.31	101
819	587	C 1	175.94	101
820	591	37	9.52	101
821	594	1	5.63	101
822	594	2	5.63	101
823	594	3	5.63	101
824	594	4	5.63	101
825	594	"5, "6	7.38	101
826	673	3	21.10	101
827	673	4	9.52	101
828	676	C	117.87	101
829	693	Whole Block	146.70	96
830	694	"	146.70	96
831	695	"	146.70	96
832	508½	32	138.98	101
835	527	6	13.37	101
836	528	59	49.98	101
837	528	61	34.43	101
839	528½	52, 53	100.27	103
840	529	76	9.52	101
841	529	78	9.52	101
842	529	80	9.52	101
843	529	75	15.12	101
844	529	77	15.12	101
845	533	1	5.63	101
846	533	4	4.83	101
847	534½	11	4.45	101
848	534½	12	4.45	101
849	534½	13	4.45	101
850	534½	14	4.45	101
851	534½	15	4.45	101
852	534½	16	4.45	101
853	534½	17	4.45	101
854	534½	18	4.45	101
855	537	"Plot 16	11.27	101
856	543	83	3.69	101
857	543	84	3.69	101
858	543	85	3.69	101
859	543	86	3.69	101
860	543	87	3.69	101
861	543	88	3.69	101
862	543	89	3.69	101
863	543	90	3.69	101
864	549	37	6.58	101
865	549	38	6.58	101
866	549	39	6.58	101
867	549	40	6.58	101
871	552	14, 16	154.44	101
872	556	79	117.87	101
873	558	T	141.03	101
874	558	S	141.03	101
875	559	23	117.87	101
879	559	"Plot 55 (four)	137.23	101
880	559	"Plot 55 (three)	137.23	101
881	560	18 Plot 44	40.45	101
882	563	13	16.07	101
883	563	14	61.56	101
885	565	28	48.23	98
886	565	36	52.03	101
887	565	"1	21.10	101
888	565	4	28.87	101
889	598	99	16.87	101
890	598	100	13.02	101
891	599	95, 96	24.99	101
892	599	D	17.21	101
894	601	52	195.29	101
895	601	2	36.57	101
896	601	8	63.70	98
897	601	10	21.10	98
901	603	66	21.10	101
902	603	68	21.10	101
903	603	70	21.10	101
904	603	72	21.10	101
905	603	74	21.10	101
906	603	76	21.10	101
907	603	78	21.10	101
908	603	80	21.10	101
910	604	62	21.10	101
911	604	64	21.10	101
912	604	66	21.10	101
913	604	68	21.10	101
914	604	70	21.10	101
915	604	72	21.10	101
916	604	74	21.10	101
917	604	61	21.10	101
918	604	63	21.10	101
919	604	65	21.10	101
920	604	67	21.10	101
921	604	69	21.10	101
922	604	71	21.10	101
923	604	73	21.10	101
924	604	75	21.10	101
925	607	19	11.42	101
926	607	20	11.42	101
927	607	21	11.42	101
928	608	7	15.31	101
929	608	8	15.31	101
930	608	23	7.53	101
931	608	24	7.53	101
932	608	25	7.53	101
933	608	26	7.53	99
934	608	27	7.53	99
935	608	28	6.58	101
936	608	29	6.58	101
937	608	30	6.58	99
938	608	31	6.58	99
939	608	50	5.63	101
940	609	31	24.99	101
941	609	38	5.63	101
942	609	39	5.63	101
943	622	22	7.53	101
944	622	23	7.53	101
945	622	73	6.58	101
946	622	74	6.58	101
947	623	"Plot 13 B	31.33	101
948	625	O	86.93	101
949	625	B	86.93	101
950	625	5	28.87	101
951	625	6	28.87	101

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952	626	A	13.37	101
957	632	"45	5.63	101
958	632	"45	5.63	101
970	636	J 1	21.10	103
971	639	137	9.52	101
972	639	138	9.52	101
973	640	2	11.42	101
974	640	3	11.42	101
975	640	4	11.42	101
976	640	100	5.63	101
977	640	107	5.63	101
978	642	5	17.21	101
979	642	10	7.53	101
980	657	8	98.52	101
982	658	1	3.69	101
983	658	2	3.69	101
984	658	3	3.69	101
985	658	4	3.69	101
986	658	5	4.64	101
987	658	6	4.64	101
988	658	7	5.63	101
989	663	10	52.03	101
991	700	11, 12	255.10	101
992	706½	70	7.53	101
993	707	41	5.63	101
994	707	42	5.63	101
999	707	1	98.52	101
1000	708	45	5.63	101
1001	708	46	5.63	101
1002	708	47	5.63	101
1003	708	48	5.63	101
1004	708	49	5.63	101
1005	708	69	6.58	101
1006	708	70	6.58	101
1007	708	71	6.58	101
1008	708	72	6.58	101
1009	708	73	6.58	101
1010	721-723	22 A	7.38	101
1011	1255	31	5.63	102
1012	1255	33	5.63	102
1032	1257	2	24.99	102
1033	1257	3	7.53	102
1034	1257	15	4.64	102
1035	1257	16	4.64	102
1050	1257	31	5.22	102
1054	1258	70	40.45	102
1056	1264	Detwiller Map 24	8.31	102
1057	1266	107	34.43	102
1058	1266	108	34.43	102
1059	1273	137	6.58	102
1060	1273	138	6.58	102
1061	1273	139	6.58	102
1062	1273	140	7.53	102
1066	1274	28	8.53	102
1067	1274	29	8.53	102
1068	1274	30	8.53	102
1069	1274	31	7.53	102
1070	1274	112	6.58	102
1071	1274	113	13.37	102
1072	1289	"Plot 9 A	43.76	102
1073	1291	7	4.64	75
1074	1296	64	6.58	102
1075	1296	63	6.58	102
1080	1327	Plot D	48.23	98
1081	1335	23	7.53	97
1082	1335	24	7.53	97
1089	1342	21	24.99	97
1096	1348	46	5.44	102
1097	1348	47	5.44	102
1098	1348	54	6.39	102
1104	1359	"141	5.63	102
1105	1358	"140	28.87	102 & 103
1106	1358	"143	28.87	95
1107	1358	"142	5.63	95
1108	1359	151	24.99	97
1109	1359	150	32.68	97
1110	1360-1361	23 Plot 1	7.38	97
1111	1360-1361	24 Plot 1	7.38	97
1112	1360-1361	25 Plot 1	7.38	97
1113	1360-1361	1, 2 Plot 2	12.18	97
1114	1360-1361	10 Plot 2	9.28	97
1115	1360-1361	11 Plot 2	9.28	97
1116	1360-1361	12 Plot 2	9.28	97
1117	1360-1361	17 Plot 2	9.28	97
1118	1360-1361	5 Plot 6	9.28	97
1119	1360-1361	6 Plot 6	9.28	97
1120	1360-1361	4 Plot 6	9.28	97
1121	1360-1361	8 Plot 6	18.96	97
1122	1360-1361	9 Plot 6	17.06	97
1123	1360-1361	10 Plot 6	17.06	97
1124	1360-1361	11 Plot 6	17.06	97
1125	1360-1361	12 Plot 6	17.06	97
1126	1360-1361	14, 15 Plot 5	13.02	102
1129	1362	"83	17.21	97 & 100
1130	1363	23	13.17	102
1132	1363	35	13.17	102
1133	1365	14	40.45	97
1134	1366	27 C	9.52	97
1135	1366	27 D	9.52	97
1136	1366	26 C, 26 D	17.21	95
1137	1366	25 C, 26 D	17.21	95
1138	1367	"2	13.37	95 & 99
1139	1367	"2	13.37	99
1140	1367	W "10	94.63	102
1145	1368	58	65.60	97
1146	1368	56	7.53	97
1149	1371	69	67.58	97
1150	1372	43	13.37	102
1151	1372	44	40.45	102
1152	1372	45	9.52	102
1153	1372	46	9.52	102
1154	1372	38 B ½ 37 B	5.63	97
1155	1372	23 B	4.64	97
1156	1372	22 B	4.64	97
1157	1372	16 B 2	2.32	97
1158	1372	15 B	18.20	97
1159	1375	37	7.53	97
1160	1375	36	7.53	97
1161	1375	12	27.88	97
1163	1376	24	6.58	97
1164	1376	25	6.58	97
1165	1376	62	7.53	97
1166	1376	69	6.58	97
1167	1376	70	6.58	97
1168	1376	71	6.58	97
1169	1378	D	9.52	95
1172	1379	17	32.68	97
1173	1379	41	24.99	97
1174	1379	43	32.68	97
1175	1379	51	24.99	102
1176	1380	10	17.21	102

Ctf. No.	Block.	Lot.	Amount.	Adjusted Report No.
1178	1392	Triangle Plot Ave. D	12.63	102
1179	1411	12	55.92	97
1180	1412	3, 4	26.74	97
1181	1412	9	9.52	97
1183	1414	17	88.68	97
1184	1417	19	40.45	97
1185	1417	18	12.37	97
1186	1418	27	40.45	97
1188	1419	1 C	11.42	102
1189	1421	"1, "3 (nine)	13.17	95
1190	1421	"1, "3 (ten)	13.17	95
1191	1421	"23, "21, 19 (nine)	67.20	97
1192	1421	W ½ 6 (seventeen)	11.42	97
1193	1421	E ½ 8 (eighteen)	11.42	97
1194	1421	W ½ 8 (nineteen)	11.42	97
1197	1422	32, 33	59.81	97
1198	1425	9A	17.21	97
1199	1425	9B	17.21	97
1200	1425	9C	15.31	97
1201	1425	9A	15.31	97
1202	1431	2C	9.52	97
1203	1434	18B	11.42	102
1207	1465	17	13.17	97 & 103
1208	1466	T	255.10	97 & 103
1209	1471	86	7.53	102
1210	1471	85	7.53	102
1213	1475	13	7.53	102
1214	1475	16	7.53	97
1215	1475	21	7.53	102
1216	1476	28	9.28	97
1217	1476	29	9.28	97
1218	1476	30	8.33	97
1219	1477	12	2.72	102
1220	1477	13	4.64	97
1221	1477	14	5.63	97
1225	1479	9	13.17	102
1226	1480	10	13.17	97
1227	1480	8	15.12	97
1228	1480	1	28.87	97
1229	1882	4	11.42	102
1230	1882	5	11.42	102
1231	1882	6	11.42	102
1233	1483	"7	9.52	102
1234	1483	"9	9.52	102
1235	1484	7	22.85	95
1236	1489	13	7.38	97
1237	1489	14	7.38	97
1238	1489	15	7.38	97
1239	1489	16	7.38	97
1240	1490	5	7.38	97
1241	1495	F	971.22	96
1242	1500	Land under water in front of Plot O, F, G, 58 acres	3,378.18	96
1243	1500	Plot A	175.94	96
1244	1500	"Plot F 4 46 acres	353.62	96
1245	1500	"Plot F 1 12-100 acres	113.59	96
1246	1500	Plot G	698.51	96
1247	1510	4	100.27	102
1248	1510	5	100.27	102
			$50,787.10	
		Int.....	7,956.64	
			$58,743.74	

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Tuesday, September 28, 1897, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The call for the meeting, issued by the President, which was for the purpose of transacting "General Business," included in the "Order of Business" of the Board, was read by the Clerk.

The regular order of business was taken up.

Commissioner Heintze of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and Director Daly of the Board of Education, each desired to be heard on matters appertaining to their respective departments, and the privilege was accorded to them.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, ETC.

The following order of the Hudson Circuit Court on the petition of Annie M. Coghill et als., was received and referred to the Corporation Counsel:—

Hudson Circuit Court.

Upon reading and filing the affidavit and petition of Annie M. Coghill, it is hereby ordered that Simeon H. Smith, the Treasurer of the City of Jersey City, pay to the Clerk of this Court the sum of $263.03, now in his hands, being a balance due said petitioner and others from the sale of lands by said city for taxes, to the Clerk of this Court as the custodian thereof, to be deposited in the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company.

JOB H. LIPPINCOTT,
Judge.

A true copy.
JOHN G. FISHER,
Clerk.

A communication was received from William E. Keefe requesting that a new warrant be ordered drawn in the sum of three dollars ($3) to return to him amount overcharged for water rents for year 1897.

The warrant ordered drawn for same amount, under resolution of this Board, May 26, 1897, was delivered to him, but was mislaid or lost. A bond of indemnity approved by the Corporation Counsel accompanied the petition.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were each referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Petition of L. S. Hoyt for the return of $124.25, surplus paid in redemption of lands sold for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.

Petition of Bella Musick for the return of $3.96 for overpayment of water rents for year 1897. (Error in addition of bill.)

Petition of H. Grobrugge for the return of $4 for overpayment of water rents for year 1897. (Error in addition of bill.)

Petition of George H. Freu, agent for estate Peter Henderson, for the return of $10 for overpayment of water rents, for year 1897. (Error in addition of bill.)

Petition of Michael Boland, for the return of $3.30, for overpayment of water rents, for 1895 and 1896.

Petition of H. F. McGown, attorney for Helen H. and Margaret A. McGown, for the return of $20, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1896.

Petition of George G. Butterfield, attorney of T. Meehan, for the return of $3.29, for erroneous assessment for water rents for years 1894, 1895 and 1896.

Petition of H. A. Searle, agent for A. C. Hutchinson, for the return of $20.20, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897.

Petition of John J. McGrath, for the return of $1.90, for overpayment of water rents for year 1896.

Petition of John Luhrman, for the return of $27.60, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897.

Petition of Charles P. Nicoll, for the return of duplicate payment of water rents for year 1892.

Petition of John Hornung, for the return of $15, for overcharge of water rents for year 1897.

Application of Edward Reinecke, for deed No. 878.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition for cancellation of certain taxes on property of French-American Lay School.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Resolution from Fremont Club requesting Board of Education and Board of Finance to provide temporary quarters by hiring halls to accommodate school children refused admission to present schools.

Received and ordered filed.

CLAIMS.

The folowing claims were presented and received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

James B. Hill, $97.80; J. Herbert Potts, $213; Frank J. Higgins, $142; John A. Nugent, $135.85; Postal Tel. Cable Co., $3.50 and $2.60; Fred'k Hartman, $20; Allan L. McDermott, $2,500.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, Sept. 20, 1897.

To Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I hereby certify that I have received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for Collection in my office the following assessment maps:—

Sewer, Sherman place, from 195 feet west of Summit avenue to Sanford place	$2,037 30
Main sewer, Woodlawn district of Greenville, N. J....	27,943 30
Improvement Winfield avenue, from Garfield avenue to Avenue E.....	2,345 90
Sewer, Pavonia avenue, lands of Penna R. R. to West Side avenue	4,200 00
Sewer, Clark avenue, 90 feet west	

of West Side avenue to Mallory avenue 2,260 38
Sewer, Broadway, Tonelle avenue to West Side avenue..... 1,530 00
Sewer, Graham street, 365 feet east of Summit avenue to Central avenue..... 723 10
Improvement, Jones street, Sip avenue to Newkirk street 2,195 35
Improvement, Arlington avenue, Grand street to Bay View avenue 34,277 60
Sewer, Walker avenue, Bergen avenue to Van Cleef street 3,465 14
Opening Custer avenue, Old Bergen Road to Hudson Boulevard 2,026 34
Widening and improvement of Cator avenue, Ocean avenue to Old Bergen Road 4,688 16

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, Sept. 22, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Herewith I enclose the resignation of E. F. Crowen as Depty Collector of Arrears of Taxes, and in accordance with Chapter 123, Laws of 1897, hereby appoint Robert D. O'Beirne, of 65 Wayne street, and Richard D. Garrick, of 129 Palisade avenue, as Deputy Collectors of Arrears of Taxes subject to your sanction.

Yours truly,
S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed on motion of Mr. Kellers.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, Sept. 27, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen:—I hereby certify that I have received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for collection in my office the following assessment maps:—

Improvement Garrison avenue, from Stuyvesant to Tonnele avenues, $5,931.05.

Improvement Old Bergen Road, from Gates avenue to Fifty-third street, $3,290.40.

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed.

From the Board of Police Commissioners:—

Resolution, (Adopted 23rd, 1897), That the Hon. Board of Finance be requested to transfer the amount to the credit of the "Committee on Hospitals and Dispensaries" to the credit of "Committee on General Claims," fiscal year of 1896 and 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the City Hall Commission:—

Relative to the judgments recovered against the City in favor of William D. Tallman and Lewis H. Broom, for work done on account completition of New City Hall, which judgments were sent to said Commission for payment.

Received and ordered filed.

From the Ravine Road Sewer Extension Commission:—

Jersey City, September 15, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—I herewith submit to you requisitions for sundry payments, on account of the Ravine Road sewer extension, as required by the statute, accompanied by the resolution of the Commission ordering such payments.

These payments are for right of way—three parcels—total amount, ten thousand ($10,000) dollars.

Accompanying the requisitions are resolutions covering the purchase of these rights of way, with descriptions of the land, and also the agreement entered into with the Morris and Essex Railroad Company, in full.

This covers all the right of way required for the sewer, and gives a clear outlet from the old sewer to tide water in the Hudson River.

We also attach claim of the Inspector for one hundred and seventy-one ($171) dollars, and also two claims for advertising and printing, respectively, sixty-two dollars and fifty cents ($62.50) and forty-five dollars and fifty cents ($45.50).

Respectfully,
E. W. HARRISON,
Pres. Ravine Road Sewer Commission.

Received and referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following resolutions were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Fixing the salary of J. Wilson, appointed blacksmith helper at High Service, September 20, 1897 (vice D. Green), at $2.50 per day when engaged.

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

2. Awarding to Bernard Gannon the contract to construct a sewer in Manhattan avenue, from a point about 100 feet west of Summit avenue to and connecting with sewer in Sanford place. (Estimated cost $600.76.)

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

3. Awarding to James J. Harrington the contract for the improvement of Bowers street, from Summit avenue to Hudson Boulevard. (Estimated cost $6,309.)

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

4. Awarding to William Ormsby the contract to construct a sewer in Manhattan avenue, from a point about 90 feet from Summit avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Central avenue. (Estimated cost $1,197.)

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

5. Awarding to Philip Tumulty, Jr., the contract to construct a sewer in Carlton avenue, from a point about 20 feet east of

Montrose avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Summit avenue. (Estimated cost $1,208.50.)

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

6. Awarding to Frederick Reineman the contract to construct a sewer in Booraem avenue, from a point about 300 feet westerly from Webster avenue, to and connect with sewer in Ravine Road. (Estimated cost $2,243.57.)

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

7. Awarding to Philip Tumulty, Jr., the contract to construct a sewer in Union street, from a point about 95 feet west of West Side avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Mallory avenue. (Estimated cost, $1,632.05.)

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

8. Awarding to Thomas F. McCabe the contract for the improvement of Pine street, from Communipaw avenue to the Newark Branch of the Central R. R. of N. J. (Estimated cost, $5,338.90.)

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

9. Awarding to William Byrnes the contract to construct a sewer in Sherman avenue, from a point about 20 feet north of Ferry street, to and connecting with sewer at the intersection of Manhattan and Sherman avenues. (Estimated cost, $901.36).

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

10. Awarding to Bernard Gannon the contract to construct sewer in Ege avenue, from a point about 95 feet west of West Side avenue to Mallory avenue, and through Mallory avenue to and connecting with sewer at intersection of Clark and Mallory avenues. (Estimated cost, $1,939.01.)

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

11. Ordering paid the salaries of Water Registrar, etc., in the Water Department, for the month of September, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $2,993.31.

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

12. Ordering paid the salaries of laborers on meters, for the month of September, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $540.

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

13. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted Septermber 20, 1897.)

The following resolution was also received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

14. Requesting Board of Finance to transfer $8.80 from account of "Printing and Stationery" to account "Laws and Ordinances, Advertising Fund." (Street and Water Board, fiscal year, 1896-1897.)

The following resolutions were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.—

15. Directing the Chief Engineer to prepare specifications for the cleaning, etc., of Reservoir No. 1, at Belleville, and when such specifications shall have been presented and approved, Clerk to advertise for proposals.

(Adopted September 27, 1897.)

16. Adopting and ordering filed the specifications as submitted by the Chief Engineer on September 27, 1897, for the laying and relaying water pipe and directing Clerk to advertise for proposals.

(Adopted September 27, 1897.)

17. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted September 27, 1897.)

The following resolution was received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and the same was referred to the Committee of the Whole.

18. Fixing the salary of A. J. Boyle, appointed September 27, 1897, as time inspector over employes serving in out door capacities at $1,200 per year.

(Adopted September 27, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of Edward Reinecke, for deed No. 878, respectfully report recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, Lot 11 (old number), Block 797, Paterson Plank Road, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (Sale No. 4,575), for which a deed (No. 878) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to Edward Reinecke, or his assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $479.46, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer, a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

The report was received and the recommendation therein contained was adopted, by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, verbally reported on the petition of Bridget Cutley, for the return of $171.56, surplus paid in redemption of land sold for unpaid adjusted taxes (referred to said Committee September 25, 1893), recommending that the monies be not returned to the applicant, the Corporation Counsel having so advised this Board.

The report was accepted.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. To adopt and order filed the specifications as submitted by the Chief Engineer on September 27, 1897, for the laying and relaying of water pipe and directing the Clerk to advertise for proposals.

(Adopted September 27, 1897.)

2. Fixing the salary of J. Wilson, blacksmith's helper at High Service, appointed September 20, 1897, at $2.50 per day when engaged.

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid salaries of Water Registrar, etc., for month of September, 1897, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $2,993.31 (except as to item E. F. McCarthy, $100).

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid the salaries of laborers on meters for month of September, 1897, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $540.

(Adopted September 20, 1897.)

Awarding the following contracts:—

5. To Bernard Gannon, for the construction of a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Ege avenue, from a point about 95 feet west of West Side avenue, to Mallory avenue, and through Mallory avenue an 18-inch vitrified pipe sewer to and connecting with the sewer at the intersection of Clark and Mallory avenues (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $1,939.01.

6. To Bernard Gannon, for the construction of a 12-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Manhattan avenue, from a point about 100 feet west of Summit avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Sanford place (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $600.76.

7. To James J. Harrington for the improvement of Bowers street, from Summit avenue to Hudson Boulevard (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $6,309.

8. To William Ormsby, for the construction of a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Manhattan avenue, from a point about 90 feet from Summit avenue, to and connecting with the sewer in Central avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $1,197.

9. To Frederick Reineman for the construction of a lateral sewer in Booraem avenue, from a point about 300 feet westerly from Webster avenue, to and connecting with the sewer in Ravine Road (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost $2,243.57.

10. To Philip Tumulty, Jr., for the construction of a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Carleton avenue, from a point about 20 feet east of Montrose avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Summit avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost $1,208.50.

11. To Philip Tumulty, Jr., for the construction of a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Union street, from a point about 95 feet west of West Side avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Mallory avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $1,632.05.

12. To Thomas F. McCabe for the improvement of Pine street, from Communipaw avenue to the Newark branch of the Central R. R. of N. J. (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $5,338.90.

13. To William Byrnes, for the construction of a 12-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Sherman avenue, from a point about 20 feet north of Ferry street, to and connecting with sewer at the intersection of Manhattan and Sherman avenues (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895); estimated cost, $901.36.

(All adopted September 20, 1897.)

14. "Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be and is hereby directed to prepare specifications for the cleansing, etc., of Reservoir No. 1, at Belleville, and that when such specifications shall have been presented and approved, the Clerk of this Board is hereby authorized to advertise for proposals in conformity therewith.

(Adopted September 27, 1897.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby non-concurs in so much of the resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners September 20, 1897:—

As refers to the payment of $100 to E. F. McCarthy, for services rendered as Assistant Permit Clerk.

For the reason that the resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, July 19, 1897, fixing the salary of said E. F. McCarthy, Assistant Permit Clerk, at $100 per month has not yet been acted upon by the Board of Finance.

The report was received and the recommendation therein contained to nonconcur was adopted by the following

vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$20 to Frederick Hartman, for services as janitor, Second District Court, for September, 1897.

(Chargeable to account fees, District Courts.)

$229.16 to the Evening Journal, for printing official minutes during month of September, 1897.

$229.16 to The Jersey City News, for publishing official minutes in September, 1897.

(Chargeable to account publishing minutes.)

$2 to James Atchison, for rubber stamps for City Comptroller.

(Chargeable to account "Martin Act.")

$37.72 to George B. Fielder, for recording city deeds.

(Chargeable $30.76 to Martin Act account, and $6.96 to account claims, year 1896-1897.)

The report was received and claims were each ordered paid by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$26 to W. W. Chilver, for services as extra clerk in City Collector's office in July, 1897.

$450 to the International Bank Note Co., for engraving plates and furnishing 300 $1,000 4 per cent. School House bonds.

(Chargeable to account claims, year 1896-97.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Bella Musick for $3.96 for over-payment of water rents for year 1897, on Lot "77 and "78, Block 231, Fairmount avenue, paid July 3, 1897, the total of bill should have been $25.09 instead of $29.05, a mistake in addition.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George H. Freu, agent for estate Peter Henderson, for $10, for overpayment of water rents for 1897, on Plot 45a, Block 600, Ocean avenue, paid July 2, 1897; the total of bill should have been $21.75 instead of $31.75; a mistake in the addition.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of George Schroepfer for $10, to return erroneous assessment (beer pump) for water rents, year 1896, on Lot 266, Block 268, 309 Grand street, paid June 19, 1897.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Simon Flaherty for $5.50, to return erroneous assessments (barber) for water rents, year 1895, on Lot "10, Block 1,411, paid August 27, 1895, the business of "barber shop" having only been conducted for six weeks during the year for which the assessment was made, and certified to by the Water Assessor.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of H. Grohbrugge for $4, for overpayment for water rents for year 1897, on Lot 379, Block 281, South street, paid June 23, 1897; the total of bill should have been $32.65 instead of $36.65; a mistake in the addition.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of H. A. Searle, agent for A. C. Hutchinson, for $20.20 for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897, on lot "10, Block 667, No. 177 Clerk street, paid June 18, 1897, being duplicate of payment made on same date.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of W. F. McGown, attorney for Helen H. and Margaret A. McGown, for $20.30 (including penalty 57c. and interest, $1.03), for duplicate payment of water rents for

year 1896, on lot 15A, Block 361, Belmont avenue, paid September 23, 1897, being duplicate of payment made September 22, 1897.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John Luhrman for $27.60, for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1897, on lot 12, Block 463, Pacific avenue, paid July 1, 1897, being duplicate of payment made on same date.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John J. McGrath, for $1.90, for erroneous assesment for water rents for year 1896, on lot P, Block 378, No. 281 Monmouth street, paid June 30, 1897, assessment levied on a four story building at $13.30 instead of on a three-story building, at $11.40.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John G. Butterfield, attorney for T. Meehan, for $3.29, for erorneous assessment for water rents, for years 1895-1896, on lot 41, Block 823, Thorne street, paid April 10, 1897, assessment is for "horse" when none has been kept on the premises for the years mentioned.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant for $15 be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of John Hornung, to return overcharges for water rents, year 1897, on lot 15, block 502, No. 477 Communipaw avenue; paid June 17, 1897 ,the assessment for bar and beer pump of $20 for the entire year being an error; the amount charged should have been $5, assessment from May 1, 1897, to August 1, 1897.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of Charles P. Nicoll, for the sum of $19, to return duplicate payment of water rents for the year 1892, as follows:—

On lot 7, block 951, Cliff street, paid June 18, 1892, and June 29, 1892..	$9 50
On lots part 23 and part 24, block 846, Montrose avenue, paid June 18, 1892, and June 30, 1892.....	9 50
Total	$19 00

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of John H. Carnes, for the sum of $20.49, to refund to said Carnes the amount paid by him on April 22, 1897, to the City Treasurer, to redeem lot 57, block 892, Grace street; sold April 14, 1897, by the City Collector of Jersey City to Mrs. M. Davis, in error, as set forth in the petition of said Carnes to this Board, and certified as true by the Corporation Counsel and City Collector.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That upon the reports of the Corporation Counsel and City Comptroller endorsed upon the petition of L. S. Hoyt, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of L. S. Hoyt for $124.25 for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale, under Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1886, and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector on March 26, 1890, of Lots 51 to 62B, Block 216-217, York street, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, cost and disbursements.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That in compliance with request made by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, September 20, 1897, the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to make the following transfer, account Board of Street and Water Commissioners, fiscal year 1896-97:—

$8.80 from account printing and stationery to account laws and ordinances, advertising fund.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the warrant for $196.30, ordered drawn May 18, 1896, in favor of the Hudson City Savings Bank, to return amount of $71.42 (and interest) paid by said bank for Lot 21, Block 143, purchased at illegal and unauthorized sale, be only delivered by the City Clerk upon the surrender of the declaration or certificate of sale, and that the record of said sale be cancelled.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That in pursuance of the provisions of an act entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to borrow on one or more temporary loan bonds a sum not exceeding $200,000, to be issued from time to time as required, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the year 1896, said bonds to be payable on demand, with interest at a rate of not exceeding four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on January 1 and July 1.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn opon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to be deposited to the credit of October, 1897, interest as follows:—

On general account	$33,975 00
On general account to pay in-	

terest on assessment bonds.... 36,725 00
On water account 42,650 00

Total $113,350 00

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of forty thousand dollars ($40,000), balance of county taxes, 1896.

By President Brautigam:—

Resolved, That the resignation of E. T. Crowan, Deputy Collector of Arrears of Taxes, submitted by the City Collector in his communication, dated September 22, 1897, be and is hereby accepted; and further

Resolved, That this Board hereby sanctions and consents to the appointments of Robert D. O'Beirne and Richard D. Garrick as Deputy Collectors of Arrears of Taxes made by the City Collector September 22, 1897, in accordance with Chapter 123 of the Laws of 1897.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, On the 26th day of May, 1897, this Board ordered a warrant drawn for $3 in favor of W. E. Keefe, to return overcharge for water rents for year 1897, on Lot 18, Block 75, No. 9 Dick street, and said warrant was subsequently delivered to said W. E. Keefe and then by him lost or mislaid; and

Whereas, Said W. E. Keefe has presented to this Board a bond of indemnity in the sum of $6 (duly approved by the Corporation Counsel) to save harmless the city against any actions, damages by reason of said warrant or any of the money so paid; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant for $3 be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of W. E. Keefe in place of warrant drawn under resolution of May 26, 1897, for the reason as hereinbefore stated.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Wednesday, October 6, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of regular meeting, September 15, 1897, and of special meeting, September 28, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of James F. McCabe, attorney for John B. Ginochio for the return of $60.25 with interest to date, paid in the purchase of certain property at tax sale, property purchased cannot be located.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees.

John J. Nevin, $210; Edward T. Morgan, $45.75; George B. Fielder, $9.86; The Jersey City News, $42; The Evening Journal, $229.16; New Jersey Title and Abstract Co., $90.50.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Board of Appeal in Cases of Taxation:—

Resolution notifying the Board of Finance that the Board of Appeals will meet each Tuesday and Friday afternoon from two to five o'clock P. M., and Wednesday evenings, from five to nine o'clock P. M., during the months of December and January, and each Wednesday evening, from seven to ten o'clock P. M. in February, to receive applications for correction of assessments.

Received and ordered filed.

From the Ravine Road Sewer Extension Commission:—

A further requisition to pay Thomas Cavanagh $11,666.08, on acount of contract, making a total of all requisitions received by this Board of $21,944.83.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Awarding to the Barber Asphalt Paving Company the contract for the improvement of Church street, from Jordan avenue to Bergen avenue (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895). Estimated cost, $4,022.50.

(Adopted October 5, 1897.)

2. Awarding to Edward O'Neill the contract for the construction of a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Henry street, from a point about 95 feet west of Waldo avenue to Chestnut avenue, and through Chestnut avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Chestnut avenue, near Magnolia avenue, (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895). Estimated cost, $1,605.77.

(Adopted October 5, 1897.)

3. Awarding to Thomas F. McCabe, the contract for the improvement of Fourth street, from Newark avenue to Merseles street, (in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895). Estimated cost $1,184.05.

(Adopted October 5, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted October 5, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the folowing resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, October 5, 1897, to wit:—

Awarding the following contracts:—

1. To the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, for the improvement of Church street, from Jordan avenue to Bergen avenue. (Estimated cost, $4,022.50.)

2. To Thomas F. McCabe for the improvement of Fourth street, from Newark avenue to Merseles street. (Estimated cost, $1,184.05.)

3. To Edward O'Neill, to construct a pipe sewer in Henry street, from a point about 95 feet west of Waldo avenue to Chestnut avenue, and through Chestnut avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Chestnut avenue, near Magnolia avenue. (Estimated cost, $1,605.77.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$210 to John J. Nevin, fees as Judge, Second Criminal Court, from May 16 to June 30, 1897 (both inclusive) (chargeable to account fees from Second Criminal Court).

$66 to Frank J. Higgins, fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court, bill of June 1, 1897, (chargeable to account fees from First Criminal Court).

$14.68 to George B. Fielder, for recording deeds (portion of bill, September 1, 1897).

$45.75 to Edward T. Morgan, for typewriting report, schedule, etc. (chargeable to account Martin Act).

The report was received and the claims

were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported as follows:—

Jersey City, October 6, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Your committee, to whom was referred the petition of Mrs. Catherine Wandell requesting a reduction in the amount of her assessment for sewer in St. Paul's avenue, for the reason that in the year 1883 the petitioner and two other property owners on said street deposited the sum of $125 with the Board of Public Works for preliminary expenses of sewer in St. Paul's avenue and never received any return for same, said improvement having been estopped at that time by a sufficient remonstrance, respectfully report that the petition should be refused, for while your committee sympathize with the petitioner the granting of her petition would open so wide a door to similar requests as to cause a loss to the city of many thouand dollars; in addition the petitioner took the risk of the loss of the money deposited at that time, and it has been shown to the satisfaction of your committee that the money was legally expended for advertising and other preliminary expenses incident to an improvement under the old laws at the time in question.

Yours respectfully,
W. F. MIDLIGE,
R. SIMPSON,
Committee on Salaries and Claims.

The report was received and the recommendations therein contained were adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes.—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering paid the following claims:—

$90.50 to The New Jersey Title and Abstract Co., examination of titles.

$8.47 to George B. Fielder, recording deeds, (portion of bill, September 1, 1897.)

(Chargeable to account claims, year 1896-1897.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes.—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes.—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, By the judgment of the Court of Errors and Appeals of this State, the judgment heretofore entered in the New Jersey Supreme Court in favor of the City at the suit of James S. Erwin, has been set aside and a new trial ordered; and

Whereas, By the opinion of said Court of Errors and Appeals, the said James S. Erwin, on the facts of the case as decided on the former trial is entitled to the salary of Corporation Attorney for the months of January, February and March, 1894, and for his disbursements as such, and the city is desirious of saving the expense of further litigation.

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be and he is authorized to enter a relicta in said suit in the New Jersey Supreme Court in favor of said James S. Erwin, and against The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for the sum of eleven hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty-three cents ($1,122.23); and further

Resolved, That this Board herey appropriates the sum of $1,122.23 to pay claim of James S. Erwin, being in full settlement of all claims of said James S. Erwin, for services rendered The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City as Corporation Attorney, and in order to raise said sum the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to issue one or more temporary loan bonds in the sum of $1,122.23 at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 % per annum, the proceeds from the sale of such bonds to be set aside to liquidate said claim of James S. Erwin, and that the amount of $1,122.23 be placed in the next tax ley; and further

Resolved, That upon the filing of the relicta and entry of judgment, a warrant for $1,122.23 be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John L. Keller, attorney of James S. Erwin, to pay all claims to said James S. Erwin, for services rendered as Corporation Attorney.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, the Commission for the reconstruction and extension of the Ravine Road sewer, acting under the provisions of "An act to provide for the reconstruction of main outlet sewers heretofore constructed at the joint expense of two cities," approved March 18, 1890 (General Statutes, pages 618, etc.), and the supplements thereto have issued requisitions on this Board for the following bills incurred in the performance of said work;

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the following amounts for the following purposes in connection with the work of said Commission:—

1. To Louis V. Booraem, for the sum of five hundred dollars for the purchase of right of way as described in said requisition, provided the warrant for such payment shall not be delivered until the delivery of a proper deed to the city for such right of way, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

2. To Wallis, Edwards & Bumsted, attorneys of Lineau Estate for the sum of four thousand, five hundred dollars, for the purchase of right of way as described in said requisition, provided the warrant for such payment shall not be delivered until the delivery of a proper deed to the city for such right of way, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

3. To Morris and Essex Railroad, The Delaware Lackawana and Western Railroad Company, lessees, for the sum of five thousand dollars, for the purchase of right of way and rights appurtenant thereto as provided for in the agreement between said companies and the city, dated September 1, 1897.

4. To Hugh A. Kelly, for the sum of one hundred and seventy-one dollars, for services as Inspector on said sewer, from June 21 to September 8, 1897, inclusive.

5. To The Jersey City News, for the sum of sixty-two dollars and twenty-five cents ($62.25), for advertising proposals and printing blanks.

6. To The Evening Journal Association, for the sum of forty-five dollars and fifty cents ($45.50), for advertising proposals.

7. To Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine Road sewer extension, for the sum of eleven thousand, six hundred and sixty-six dollars and eight cents ($11,666.08) being first payment under his contract, making the total payment of twenty-one thousand, nine hundred and forty-four and eighty-three cents ($21,944.83).

Resolved, That in order to raise the monies required for such payment, the said sum of twenty-one thousand, nine hundred and forty-four dollars and eighty-three cents ($21,944.83), be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of the assessment to be made for the reconstruction of said sewer and that bonds of the city under the seal of the city, signed my the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, countersigned by the City Comptroller, be issued for that amount in such denominations as may be fixed by the Committee on Finance of this Board, and to be due and payable January 1, 1901, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, on the first days of January and July in each year; and be it further

Resolved, That said bonds be sold under the direction of the Committee on Finance of this Board at not less than par and accrued interest, and that the proceeds thereof be appropriated for the payment of the warrants above mentioned; and be it further

Resolved, That all assessments collected upon said improvement, be and they are pledged to the redemption and payment of the bonds issued and to be issued for such improvement.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, It appears from the report of the expert employed by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, with the concurrence of this Board, to investigate the books of the Water Department, that the system of receipting for water rents and rates now in use in the office of the Registrar of the Water Works is defective and does not protect from loss either the Registrar or the city; and

Whereas, The Charter of Jersey City, provides that the general management and care of the finances of this city, and the several departments thereof, is committed to this Board, and it is also empowered in certain contingencies to make such rules and regulations for the keeping of the accounts between the Board and the several collecting and disbursing officers of the city as may be consistent with the constitution and laws of this State;

Resolved, That the Registrar of the water works and the City Comptroller be directed, under the supervision of the Committee on Finance of this Board, to arrange to have placed in operation in connection with the collection and receipting for the water rents assessed and measured water rates, the plan now in use of receipting for taxes levied and assessments made; said committee to fully report their acts to this Board for confirmation;

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be requested to cooperate with this Board.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Michael Boland, for $3.30 for erroneous assessment for water rents for years 1895-1896, on lot 40, block 508, Chestnut avenue, paid August 31, 1897, assessment on said lot should have been $7.85 for each year instead of $9.50.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Since the appropriation was made to this Board for the payment of claims during the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1896, claims have been presented for purposes not contemplated at the time of making such appropriation,

such as judgments, expenses of extra counsel in matter of equal taxation, expenses of moving effects of the various departments from old to new City Hall, advertising list of delinquent personal tax payers, printing municipal bonds, etc., the payment of said claims largely diminishing the account of "Claims" for said fiscal year; and

Whereas, There is not a sufficient balance to the credit of said account to defray the expenses chargeable to the Board of Finance until the end of the present fiscal; therefore

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the sum of $7,000 to augment the appropriation for "Claims" of fiscal year 1896-7, and in order to provide said sum the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to issue temporary loan bond or bonds in the sum of $7,000, the proceeds from the sale of same to be appropriated and set aside as above mentioned, and that said amount of $7,000 be and is hereby ordered placed in the next tax levy.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then took a recess of five minutes.

Upon the re-assembling of the Board all the members were present, five (5) in number.

The following resolution was presented and received, and the same was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson, (5).

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That upon the requisition of the Board of Education an extraordinary appropriation be and the same is hereby made to said Board of Education for the present fiscal year, amounting to $31,229.90, for the purpose of paying for the making of necessary repairs to the public school buildings during the summer vacation of the year 1897; said amount to be allotted as follows:—

No. of School.	Repairs.	Old Claims.	Total.
1	.....	.....	.....
2	$1,460 60	.....	$1,460 60
3	1,769 03	.....	1,769 03
4	1,225 00	$175 00	1,400 00
5	1,700 00	700 00	2,400 00
6	3,167 64	367 84	3,535 48
7	870 00	330 00	1,200 00
8	1,050 19	204 27	1,254 46
9	942 52	.....	942 52
10	500 00	50 00	550 00
11 .....) 11 Annex	2,768 78	.....	2,768 78
12	1,075 27	.....	1,075 27
13	636 25	.....	636 25
14	1,706 10	.....	1,706 10
15	1,800 00	.....	1,800 00
16	455 87	.....	455 87
19	15 55	.....	15 55
20	1,168 00	.....	1,168 00
21	750 00	.....	750 00
22	601 06	.....	601 06
23	3,433 58	.....	3,433 58
24	966 05	.....	966 05
25	1,341 30	.....	1,341 30
Total			$31,229 90

Making a total of $31,229, which includes the sum of $1,827.11, to pay claims heretofore contracted in emergencies; no such claims to be hereafter contracted without notice to this Board; and further

Resolved, That in order to raise said sum of $31,229.90 the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to have issued one or more temporary loan bonds in the sum of $31,229.90, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4% per annum, and that the proceeds from sale of said bond or bonds shall be set aside for the use of the Board of Education for the purposes above stated, and that the said sum of $31,229.90 be placed in the next tax levy.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, October 20, 1897.

The roll was called at 9:30 o'clock P. M.

Present—Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—President Brautigam—1.

In the absence of the President Mr. Simpson was elected President pro tem, on motion of Mr. Kellers.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 6, 1897, was dispensed with, and the said minutes were approved as printed in manual form on motion of Mr. Kellers.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were each referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Petition of Charles B. Hughes, attorney for assignee, Linsley Rowe, assignee in bankruptcy of Jay L. Adams, bankrupt, for the return of $764.91, surplus money in redemption of land.

Petition of Frederick Krueger for the return of $17.09, duplicate payment of taxes, 1893.

Petition of J. W. Kaiser, exexcutor, estate of John W. Kaiser, for the return of $15.20, overcharged for water rents for years 1889-1896, inclusive.

From William C. Cudlipp, attorney of Messrs. Harned & Mitchell:—

Jersey City, Oct. 20, 1897.

The Honorable the Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City.

Dear Sirs—I hereby notify you that my clients, Messrs. Harned & Mitchell, on the twelfth day of October instant, recovered judgment in the New Jersey Supreme Court against John Kiernan, generally, and against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, specially, for fifteen hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents ($1,567.50), damages, and twenty-six dollars and twenty-eight cents ($26.28) costs, total, fifteen hundred and ninety-three dollars and seventy-eight cents ($1,593.78), for painting done on the new City Hall, as sub-contractors of said John Kiernan, and that said Harned & Mitchell therefore have a lien for the amount of said judgment upon any monies in your control due or to grow due to said John Kiernan upon his contract with The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for the construction of said City Hall.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM C. CUDLIPP.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Jersey City, N. J., October 12, 1897.

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT.

William Brinkerhoff vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

On contract.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation.

Gentlemen—The summons in above cause was issued April 24, 1894. After issue joined, the cause was noticed for trial for two or more terms of the court, when it was agreed between the counsel for the city and myself that inasmuch as the subject matter of the suit involved, the same questions as appeared in Erwin against the City, the latter should be the test case and determine the right of the plaintiff, Brinkerhoff, to recover. As to the status of the Erwin case, July 7, 1897, I refer you to a communication of John L. Keller, attorney of Erwin, and addressed to your Board. As the judgment of the Court of Errors and Appeals is adverse to the city, and the right of Erwin to recover has been admitted by your Board. I respectfully ask that some action may be taken by which the plaintiff, Brinkerhoff, may receive the amount due him in said action.

The following is the bill of particulars set forth in the declaration in above cause, Brinkerhoff vs. City:—

To legal services for months of January, February and March, 1894, as Corporation Counsel of Jersey City, being the salary for said months at and after the rate of $5,000 per year, as fixed by law.....	$1,250 00
To the following disbursements made as Corporation Counsel:—	
January, 1894, postage stamps.....	2 50
February, 1894, expenses to Trenton, atending February term of Supreme Court	2 95
March 6, 1894, expenses to Trenton, attending session of State Board of Taxation	2 95
	$1,257 90
Interest from April 1, 1894.....	.....
Cost of suit, untaxed....	.....
	$

JAMES S. FIELDER,
Attorney of Plaintiff.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

The N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., $105.70, $92.50 and $95.50; Albert Payne, $66.66; Postal Tel. Cable Co., 30c., 40c. and $1.95; the N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co, $6.40, $17.55, $3, $4.85, $26.55 and $18.35; George B. Fielder, $50.59; The Jersey City News, $1.80 and $229.16; The Evening Journal, $171; Isaac Van Saun, $50; H. A. Lush, $70; J. M. Startup, $83.33; Albert Datz, $11; Randolph Perkins, $160.75.

The following claim was also presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Jersey City, Oct. 13, 1897.

Mayor and Council of the City of Hoboken and the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City:—

To the Evening Journal Association, Dr.
Ravine Road Sewer Certificate, No. 189, interest at 7%, from April 28, 1880..... $93 50
Ravine Road Sewer, Certificate No. 172, interest at 7%, from March 1, 1880..... 51 00
Ravine Road Sewer, Certificate No. 149, interest at 7%, from April 7, 1879..... 39 50

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Corporation Attorney:—

Communication relative to award of $9,600 by Commissioners appointed to appraise lands of Thomas F. Murphy, taken by the city for a school site.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

From the Corporation Attorney:—

Communication relative to award by Commissioners appointed to appraise lands of Alice McGrath, taken by the city for a school site, of $3,165.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

From the Board of Aldermen:—

Resolution, (adopted October 12, 1897), requesting Board of Finance to appropriate the sum of $4,500 to pay the expenses of the special election held September 28, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Board of Education:—

Resolution (adopted October 7, 1897), requesting Board of Finance to appropriate $3,100 to pay teachers, janitors, rental and cost of suitable alterations to building corner Grand and Greene streets, to be used for public school purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the County Collector:—

Communication, notifying Board of Finance of the amount of following taxes levied against Jersey City, for State and school purposes, for the year 1897, and requesting payment of same on or before December 22, 1897, from the first moneys collected:—

State school tax	$242,752.27
County tax	524,548.59
Total	$767,300.86

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the City Collector:—

Communication from Hugh Dugan, County Collector, (referred to Board of Finance by the City Collector), relative to the taxes levied against the city for State and school purposes for the year 1897, and requested payment of same on or before December 22, 1897, from the first moneys collected.

State school tax	$242,752.27
County tax	524,548.59
Total	$767,300.86

Received and ordered filed.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, October 20, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—At the sale of property under the "Martin Act," held 1 P. M., Tuesday, October 12, and at an adjourned sale, Tuesday, October 19, there were several pieces unsold, and no purchaser appearing on behalf of the city, I again adjourned the sale to Tuesday, October 26, at which time, no purchaser appearing on the part of the city, I will further adjourn the sale to Monday, November 1, and at that date, no purchaser appearing and in absence of any instructions from your Honorable Board, I will adjourn the sale, without date.

Yours truly,

S. H. SMITH
City Collector.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, and were referred to the Committee of the Whole.

1. To refer the report of the condition of the books of the Water Department, for the period of ten years last past, as submitted by the expert accountant to the Board of Finance.

(Adopted October 18, 1897.)

2. To adopt the specifications for a supply of filtered water for Jersey City and for a new water supply for Jersey City, as submitted by the expert hydraulic engineers, September 27, 1897, and amended by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, October 18, 1897, and order same filed; and when same have been concurred in and approved, Clerk to insert therein such date for the reception of bids as will permit of a period of six weeks elapsing between the first insertion and advertisement for proposals and the reception of bids.

(Adopted October 18, 1897.)

The following resolutions were also received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

3. Awarding a contract to William Williams for the improvement of Magnolia avenue, from Tonnele avenue to the lands of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company (estimated cost, $3,716.70).

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

4. Awarding the contract to The Sheridan & Shea Company, for the improvement of Clerk street, from Newark and New York Railroad to Myrtle avenue (estimated cost, $6,675.25).

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

5. Awarding contract to Edward O'Neil, for the improvement of Beacon avenue, from Summit avenue to the Hudson Boulevard (estimated cost, $3,675.60).

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

6. Awarding to The James F. Stewart Company the contract for furnishing lumber, from date of contract to May 1, 1898, they being the lowest bidders.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

7. Awarding to H. Macbride the contract

to furnish and deliver coke, from date of contract to May 1, 1898, he being the lowest bidder.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

8. Awarding to James Coyle the contract to furnish and deliver coal, from the date of contract to May 1, 1898, he being the lowest bidder.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

9. Awarding to Vile & Son the contract to furnish and deliver straw and salt hay from date of contract to May 1, 1898, they being the lowest bidders.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

10. Awarding to Charles Wagner the contract to furnish and deliver hay, bran and oats, from date of contract to May 1, 1898, he being the lowest bidder.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

11. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

12. Ordering paid the salaries of employes, laying and repairing water pipe, for the month of September, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $3,324.86.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

13. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent, etc., in the Water Department for the month of September, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $1,311.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

14. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service for the month of September, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $2,112.54.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

15. Directing Water Registrar to cancel of record the assessment of water rents against Lot 30, Block 811, for years 1887 to 1897, aggregating $110.20.

(Adopted October 18, 1897.)

16. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel on his books the record of the assessment for water rents against Lots 116 and 117, Block 666, from 1892 to 1897, inclusive, aggregating $101.55.

(Adopted October 18, 1897.)

17. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record the assessment for water rents against Lots 17 and 18, Block 713, years 1895, 1896 and 1897.

(Adopted October 18, 1897.)

18. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted October 18, 1897.)

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 19, 1897.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I herewith return without my approval the following resolution, adopted by your Honorable Board on October 6:—

Whereas, By the judgment of the Court of Errors and Appeals of this State, the judgment heretofore entered in the New Jersey Supreme Court in favor of the city at the suit of James S. Erwin, has been set aside and a new trial ordered; and

Whereas, By the opinion of said Court of Errors and Appeals, the said James S. Erwin on the facts of the case as deduced on the former trial, is entitled to the salary of Corporation Attorney for the months of January, February and March, 1894, and for his disbursements as such, and the city is desirous of saving the expense of further litigation;

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be and he is authorized to enter a relicta in said suit in the New Jersey Supreme Court in favor of the said James S. Erwin and against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for the sum of $1,122.23; and further

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the sum of $1,122.23 to pay claim of James S. Erwin, being in full settlement of all claims of said James S. Erwin, for services rendered the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, as Corporation Attorney, and in order to raise said sum the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to issue one or more temporary loan bonds in the sum of $1,122.23 at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 per cent. per annum, the proceeds from the sale of such bonds to be set aside to liquidate said claim of James S. Erwin, and that the amount of $1,122.23 be placed in the next tax levy; and be it further

Resolved, That upon the filing of the relicta and entry of judgment a warrant for $1,122.23 be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John L. Keller, attorney of James S. Erwin, to pay all claims due said James S. Erwin, for services rendered as Corporation Attorney.

I have taken this action for the following reasons:—The Court of Errors and Appeals having decided that Mr. Erwin is entitled to salary as Corporation Attorney during the months of January, February and March, 1894, I agree that it should be paid, and I further agree that the easiest way to pay him is to issue a bond, borrow money on it and put the amount in the next tax levy, calling on the people to pay in 1898 for services rendered in 1894, but I cannot overlook the fact that during the months mentioned the taxpayers of this city paid three months' salary to Mr. Spencer Weart as Corporation Attorney. If Mr. Erwin was Corporation Attorney during those months, the Board of Finance was not justified in paying the salary to Mr. Weart, and either those who ordered the payment or the gentleman who received it should repay the money into the City Treasury. Until every effort has been made to save the city from the hardship of double payment, I consider it my duty to prevent the making of such payment.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HOOS,

Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Bailey laid on the table until next regular meeting.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., Oct. 20, 1897.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I hereby return without my approval so much of the resolution

adopted by your Honorable Board on October 6, 1897, as orders warrants drawn on the City Treasurer for the purposes expressed by the items numbered 1 and 2, viz:—

1. To Louis V. Booraem, for the sum of $500 for the purchase of right of way as described in said requisition, provided the warrants for such payment shall not be delivered until the delivery of a proper deed to the city for such right of way, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

2. To Wallis, Edwards and Bumsted, attorneys of Lineau Estate, for the sum of $4,500 for the purchase of right of way as described in said requisition, provided the warrant for such payment shall not be delivered until the delivery of a proper deed to the city for such right of way, approved by the Corporation Counsel.

I have taken this action because in the case of item numbered 1, I am informed and believe that the amount ordered paid is more than the fair value of the parcel of land in question. In the case of item numbered 2, the land through which it is sought to acquire this right of way is not worth over three hundred dollars a lot, and is part of a plot of forty-eight lots assessed for taxation at a valuation of $8,400.

While it may be that municipal corporations should pay more than private persons for whatever they acquire, I submit that the theory is carried too far when the city is asked to pay more than the value of the land for the right to place a sewer beneath its surface. The amount awarded is so disproportionate to the real value of the easement sought that I am forced to the conclusion that your Honorable Board must have inadvertently passed the resolution, or that you did not consider it within your province to learn what the city is asked to pay for.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Bailey laid on the table until next regular meeting.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

From the Committee on Finance:—

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:—

Jersey City, October 20, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Finance, in accordance with the terms of a resolution adopted at your meeting of October 6, which was approved by His Honor the Mayor on October 8, would respectfully report that after conference with the City Comptroller and the Registrar of the water works they have arranged to place in operation in connection with the collection and receipting for the water rents assessed and water rates, the following plans:—

Upon the payment of any monies in cash or otherwise to the Registrar of the water works for water rents or measured water, etc., the Registrar will not deliver the receipt therefor to the party making such payment until such receipt shall have been inspected by the City Comptroller, whose duty it shall be forthwith, on presentation of the same, to enter in a proper book or books provided for that purpose, the date of such payment, the name of the party making the same, for what paid, and the amount thereof, and to endorse on such receipt the date and the amount of such payment with his name and style of office. The book or books in which the deposits in bank of city monies shall be made, shall be inspected daily by the City Comptroller and compared with the amounts received during the preceding 24 hours, as shown in his books, and it shall be his duty forthwith to report to the Board of Finance at their first meeting, thereafter, any difference between the amount of each day's receipts and deposits, and any irregularity in the receipt or disbursement of monies, and any neglect of duty on the part of the Registrar of the water works.

The City Comptroller shall make written reports to the Board of Finance showing the amount of each day's receipts, as the same appear upon his books, properly classified, whenever required by the said Board. The City Comptroller shall at least once in every three months examine and audit the accounts of the Registrar of the water works, as to all receipts and payments of money belonging to the city.

It is proposed to place this plan in operation not later than November 1 next in order that it may become immediately effective. It is necessary that all bills in use on and after that date be stamped "Receipt not valid unless countersigned by City Comptroller."

Your committee desires to record its appreciation of the courtesy of the City Comptroller and the willingness of the Registrar, Mr. Peckham, to co-operate in every way with your committee in the preparation and carrying out of the plans proposed.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES A. BAILEY,
HENRY L. KELLERS,
REUBEN SIMPSON.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Midlige, and the same was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the Chairman:—

Ayes—Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—President Brautigam—1.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and spread in full upon the minutes, and be ratified and adopted by this Board, said plan to be put in effect on November 1, 1897.

Resolved, That the City Comptroller, Registrar of the Water Works, the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and

the Water Assessor be notified of this action by the Clerk of this Board, who is hereby directed to send to said Board and officials copies of the report of the Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Awarding contract to Edward O'Neill, for the improvement of Beacon avenue, from Summit avenue to the Hudson Boulevard. (Estimated cost, $3,675.60.)

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

2. Awarding the contract to the Sheridan & Shea Company for the improvement of Clerk street, from N. & N. Y. R. R. to Myrtle avenue. (Estimated cost, $6,675.25.)

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

3. Awarding to William Williams the contract for the improvement of Magnolia avenue, from Tonnele avenue to the lands of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, he being the lowest bidder. (Estimated cost, $3,716.70.)

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

4. Awarding to Vile & Son the contract to furnish and deliver straw and salt hay from date of delivery to May 1, 1898, they being the lowest bidders.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

5. Awarding to Charles Wagner the contract to furnish and deliver hay, bran and oats from date of contract to May 1, 1898, he being the lowest bidder.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

6. Awarding to James Coyle the contract to furnish and deliver coal from the date of contract to May 1, 1898, he being the lowest bidder.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

7. Awarding to The James F. Stewart Company the contract for furnishing lumber from date of contract to May 1, 1898, they being the lowest bidders.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

8. Awarding to H. Macbride the contract to furnish and deliver coke from the date of contract to May 1, 1898, he being the lowest bidder.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

9. Ordering paid the salaries of employees, laying and repairing water pipe, for month of September, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $3,324.86.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

10. Ordering paid the salaries of the General Superintendent and others employed in the Water Department for the month of September, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $1,311.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

11. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service pumping stations for the month of September, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $2,112.54, except as to the following items:—

Peter Cosgrove, machinist, $96.

John O'Rourke, fireman, $67.17.

R. B. Ingram, engineer in charge, $107.70.

For the reason that the said amounts are in excess of the fixed monthly salaries ,as concurred in by the Board of Finance; and, further,

Resolved, That for the reasons herein given, these excepted items are hereby non-concurred in.

(Adopted October 11, 1897.)

12. Ordering paid the following claim:—

October 11, 1897, East Jersey Water Company, $91,042.20.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—President Brautigam—1.

The same committee further reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, September 27, 1897, to wit:—

Resolved, That the salary of Andrew J. Boyle, appointed as Time Inspector over employes serving in out-door capacities, be and is hereby fixed at the rate of $1,200 per annum, payable monthly.

The report was received and the resolution concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Midlige—3.

Nay—Mr. Simpson—1.

Absent—President Brautigam—1.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in payment of salaries, for the month of October, 1897, when due, as follows:—

$416.66 to Edward Hoos, Mayor.

$250 to S. D. Dickinson, City Treasurer.

$250 to G. R. Hough, City Comptroller.

$250 to S. H. Smith, City Collector.

$125 to F. P. Van Saun, Deputy City Comptroller.

$125 to J. H. Ackerman, Deputy City Collector.

$125 to William F. Ely, Deputy City Treasurer.

$100 to John T. Pringle, Clerk to City Comptroller.

$83.33 to M. M. Kenyon, Clerk to City Comptroller.

$416.66 to John A. Blair, Corporation Counsel.

$291.66 to W. P. Douglass, Corporation Attorney.

$150 to Martin Finck, Clerk of Board of Finance.

$83.33 to W. C. Dunn, Assistant to Clerk, Board of Finance.

$100 to W. H. Tuttle, Clerk to City Collector.

$100 to Stephen M. Egan, Clerk to City Collector.

$100 to John Wandle, Clerk to City Collector.

$100 to Charles F. Krebs, Clerk to City Collector.

$100 to William H. Vermilye, Clerk to City Collector.

$100 to H. J. Burns, Clerk to City Collector.

$60 to James L. Merritt, Messenger to City Collector.

$125 to T. K. Halstead, Clerk to City Clerk.

$125 to N. E. Feury, Clerk to City Clerk.

$100 to W. H. Browning, Clerk to City Clerk.

$100 to T. J. Cummings, Clerk to City Clerk.

$100 to James H. Clark, Clerk to City Clerk.

$250 to L. D. Fowler, Assistant to Board of Tax Commissioners and Assessment Clerk.

$125 to Edward H. Hoos, Secretary to Mayor.

$75 to James M. Collins, Clerk to Mayor.

$100 to William C. Broas, Collector of Arrears of Personal Taxes.

$125 to T. Y. Brown, Draughtsman to Assistant to Board of Tax Commissioners and Assessment Clerk.

$60 to Peter Golden, General Messenger.

$80 to John Creech, "Martin Act" Clerk to Board of Finance.

Total, $4,691.64.

The report was received and the resolution therein contained was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the Chairman:—

Ayes—Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—President Brautigam—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—President Brautigam—1.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, A petition was received by this Board September 28, 1897, from the Societie de la Salle D'Asile et Ecole Laique Francaise de Hudson County, requesting that taxes for the years 1890, 1891 and 1892 against lots 3 and 4, block 791, be cancelled of the record for the reason that the petitioner is a charitable and benevolent organization, organized for the purpose of conducting a school for French children, and that the building erected on said premises has always been used by said petitioner for school purposes and for no other purposes whatsoever, and that no taxes have been assessed for years 1893, 1894, 1895 or 1896 for such reason; and,

Whereas, The said school is an institution incorporated under the laws of this State, and being an institution of learning, its property so occupied is also exempt from taxation, under the Laws of this State;

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record the assessment against the above named society, for the years named, on lots 3 and 4, block 791, for the reasons hereinbefore stated.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, On the 2d day of August, 1897, the city did receive the sum of $73.92 for the redemption of lot 38 (new No. 14), block 119 (new No. 413), Franklin street, sold March 7, 1870, to W. H. Speer, for unpaid assessment for the widening of Franklin street from Monticello avenue to Bergen avenue, amounting to $14.15; and

Whereas, On the said 2d day of August, 1897, the city also received the sum of $105.75 for the redemption of lot 7 (new No. 14), block 413, Communipaw Road, sold March 7, 1870, for the unpaid taxes for the year 1868, amounting to $20.75; and

Whereas, By statement made by Mr. William H. Speer that the certificates of tax sales have been lost; now therefore

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of William H. Speer, for the sum of $179.67, to pay said Speer the amount paid into the City Treasury, on August 2, 1897, for the redemption of said lots 38 and 7; said warrant to be delivered by the City Clerk upon the filing with the City Comptroller of a bond of indemnity for double the amount of said warrant, which said bond shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel of Jersey City.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Job H. Lippincott, Judge of Hudson Circuit Court, has directed the City Treasurer, by order received by this Board, September 28, 1897, to pay to the Clerk of said Court the sum of $263.03, now in the hands of the City Treasurer, being amount received October 11, 1889, over and above city liens, at sale for unpaid taxes, etc., as adjusted, on lot D, block 269, Jersey avenue (Sale No. 100), and due Annie M. Coghill and others; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of John G. Fisher, Clerk of Hudson Circuit Court, for the sum of $263.03, being sur-

plus paid in redemption of lands and for unpaid adjusted taxes, etc., as hereinbefore mentioned; said amount to be deposited by him (as the custodian of above named Court) in the New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Company, as ordered by said Judge Lippincott.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Frederick Kreuger, for $17.09 (including interest, $4.72), for duplicate payment of taxes for year 1893, on lot 13, block 517½, Jackson avenue, paid October 11, 1897, being duplicate of payment made December 16, 1893.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, to pay salaries of members of the Board of Finance, as follows:—

Henry Brautigam, from July 24, 1897, to October 23, 1897 (both inclusive), $125.

Henry L. Kellers, from July 24, 1897, to October 23, 1897 (both inclusive), $125.

James S. Bailey, from July 24, 1897, to October 23, 1897 (both inclusive), $125.

Reuben Simpson, from July 24, 1897, to October 23, 1897 (both inclusive), $125.

William F. Midlige, for August, September and October, 1897, $125.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, to be deposited to the credit of November, 1897, interest, as follows:—

On general account	$12,125
On general account to pay interest on assessment bonds	15,000
On water account	19,635
Total	$46,760

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to make the following transfer account of Board of Police Commissioners, fiscal year 1896-97:

$11,673.66 from account "hospital and dispensaries" to account "general claims."

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That this Board hereby grants the petition of J. B. Ginnochio, presented April 12, 1894, for refund of $12.01, being amount paid in purchase of lot 2, block 150, on Bergenwood avenue, for unpaid taxes for 1868, as it is impossible to locate said property, and recommends that said amount, together with interest from the date of payment, at the rate of 6 per cent. per year, be ordered paid to said J. B. Ginnochio.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That this Board hereby grants the petition of James F. McCabe, attorney of J. B. Ginnochio, presented October 6, 1897, for refund of $60.25, being amount paid in purchase of lot 18, block H; lot 26, block 165; lots 1 and 2, block 158, and lot 4, block 142, for unpaid taxes for 1868, as it is impossible to locate said property, and recommends that said amount, together with interest from dates of payment, at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum, be ordered paid to the said James F. McCabe, attorney.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to issue a circular requesting proposals for $100,000 of the $300,000 Public School Bonds authorized to be issued by resolution passed by the Board, May 1, 1897, $100,000 of which were sold by resolution adopted June 24, 1897; said circular to be in form as hereto annexed, and copies of said circular mailed to Brokers, Bankers and others of Jersey City, New York and other places.

(Circular.)

JERSEY CITY GOLD BONDS.

PROPOSALS FOR BONDS.

INTEREST 4 PER CENT. PER ANNUM.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD.

BONDS EXEMPT FROM TAXATION.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Finance of Jersey City, at their meeting to be held in the City Hall, on the 17th day of November, 1897, at one o'clock P. M., when they will be publicly opened, for the whole or any part of $100,000.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BONDS.
(Coupon Bonds.)

Said bonds to be issued in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize cities of the first class in this State to issue bonds for the construction of public schools," approved March 31, 1897. The principal of said bonds is payable August 2, 1927, in gold coin of the United States of America, of the present standard of weight and fineness, and the interest at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum is payable in gold semi-annually, on the first days of February and August of each year.

Proposals should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and endorsed "Proposals for Bonds of Jersey City," and handed to the Clerk of the Board of Finance in open meeting, when called for at said meeting, to be held November 17, 1897, at one o'clock P. M., in the City Hall.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, to the order of the City Treasurer of Jersey City, for two (2) per cent. of the par value of the bonds bid

for; the amount of said check to be credited upon said bid if accepted, and to be returned forthwith if not accepted.

Said bonds bear date August 2, 1897, and shall be delivered on November 22, 1897.

The purchaser paying accrued interest on the bonds to the day of delivery.

By resolution passed by the Board of Finance, May 1, 1897, authorizing the issue of these bonds, a sinking fund was also created for the purpose of paying the principal of said bonds when due.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if deemed for the best interests of Jersey City.

By order of the Board of Finance.

GEORGE R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

Mr. Bailey moved, that when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, October 27, 1897, at 7 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Bailey, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Wednesday, October 27, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees.

Application of James H. Clark for deed No. 1,072.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Petition of Garrett Van Horne, for the cancellation of taxes for year 1891.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Alice P. McGrath, $3,165; John J. O'Hara, $75.75; James B. Hill, $20.75, $24.71 and $39.09; Frederick Hartman, $24.53; Frank Meyer, $25.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, October 26, 1897.

To Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I have received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, for collection in my office, the following assessment maps:—

Sewer, Virginia avenue, Bergen to West Side avenue, etc.

Sewer, Bentley and Harrison avenues, Boulevard to West Side avenue.

Sewer, Tonnele avenue, from 100 feet north of Newark avenue to St. Paul's avenue.

Sewer, James avenue, from Howell street to Newark avenue.

Improvement, Thirteenth street, from Jersey avenue to Coles street.

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Ordered filed.

From the Board of Education:—

Resolution, (adopted October 21, 1897), That the Hon. Board of Finance be requested to appropriate the sum of $1,511.60, the amount necessary to make suitable alterations for two additional class rooms in school building No. 24, to pay for additional desks and furniture in said class rooms and to pay for additional teachers.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners:

Resolution, (adopted October 20, 1897), That the Honorable Board of Finance be and is hereby requested to transfer the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars from credit of "Salary" account to credit of "Claims" account, fiscal year 1896-1897.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the salaries of laborers on meters for the month of October, 1897, as per pay roll, when due, amounting to $540.

(Adopted October 25, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of Water Registrar, etc., in the Water Department for the month of October, 1897, when due, as per pay roll, amounting to $2,993.31.

(Adopted October 25, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted October 25, 1897.)

The following resolution was also received from the same Board and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

4. Requesting Board of Finance to set aside $10,000 to pay claim for advertising, etc., on account of Chapters 217 and 289, Laws of 1895.

(Adopted October 25, 1897.)

Communication from George T. Bouton, Clerk of Board of Street and Water Commissioners, submitting an itemized statement of disbursements made on account of appropriation of $10,000, made by Board of Finance, August 26, 1897, for the purpose of advertising, etc., Laws of 1895.

Ordered placed on file.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. That the salary of (Edward F. McCarthy) Assistant Permit Clerk of this Board, appointed July 19, 1897, be and is hereby fixed at $100 per month.

(Adopted July 19, 1897.)

The report was received and the resolution was concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Midlige—3.

Nays—President Brautigam and Mr. Simpson—2.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions further reported, recommending that the following resolution be adopted:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in so much of following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, to wit:—

August 23, 1897:—

As refers to paying to E. F. McCarthy his salary as Assistant Permit Clerk for the months of July and August, 1897, as per pay roll for August, 1897, amounting to $146.20, and

September 20, 1897:—

As refers to paying to E. F. McCarthy

his salary as Assistant Permit Clerk for the month of September, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $100.

The report was received and the resolution contained therein was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Midlige—3.

Nays—President Brautigam and Mr. Simpson—2.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions further reported, recommending that the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, be concurred in:—

2. Ordering paid the salaries of Water Registrar, etc. (in Water Department), for the month of October, 1897, when due, as per pay roll, amounting to $2,993.31.

(Adopted October 25, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the salaries of laborers on meters for the month of October, 1897, as per pay roll amounting to $540.

(Adopted October 25, 1897.)

4. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record the assessment for water rents against lots 17 and 18, block 713, years 1895, 1896 and 1897.

(Adopted October 18, 1897.)

5. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel, on his books, the record of the assessment for water rents against lots 116 and 117, block 666, for 1892 to 1897, inclusive, aggregating $101.55.

(Adopted October 18, 1897.)

6. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record the assessment for water rents against lot 30, block 811, for years 1887 to 1897, inclusive, aggregating $110.20.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$25 to Frank Meyer for services as Marshal to First District Court, for September, 1897.

$24.53 to Frederick Hartman, for services as janitor, Second District Court, for October, 1897, when due, and seven days in August, 1897.

(Chargeable to account District Court fees.)

$18.35 to the N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for telephone service at office of N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co. Exchange service, October 1 to December 31, 1897, and calls June 1 to September 30, 1897.

$50.59 to George B. Fielder, for recording deeds.

$171 to the Evening Journal for publishing tax sale No. 17.

(Chargeable to account Martin Act.)

$39.64 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service in month of April, 1895, Mayor's office.

$19.44 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service in month of September, 1895, Mayor's office.

$20.55 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service and telegrams, Mayor's office for November, 1895.

(Charge account printing, stationery and supplies, 1894-1895.)

$14.14 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service, Mayor's office, during month of December, 1895.

$21.99 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to Mayor's office, and telegrams, in January, 1896.

$22.24 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to Mayor's office, and telegrams during months of February, 1896.

$32.72 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service and tolls, Mayor's office, for October, 1896.

$29.32 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service and telegrams, Mayor's office, for November, 1896.

(Chargeable to account printing, stationery, etc., 1895-96.)

$5.15 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to City Comptroller during December, 1896.

$16.42 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service, etc., for month of April, 1897, Mayor's office.

$8.90 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to Mayor's office, for May, 1897.

$1.60 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to Mayor's office, in June, 1897.

$3.85 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to City Comptroller, in June, 1897.

$3.85 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to Board of Finance, in June, 1897.

$2.60 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to Mayor's office, in July, 1897.

$4.15 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to Board of Finance, in July, 1897.

$1.60 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to City Comptroller's office, in July, 1897.

$2.60 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to City Comptroller's office, for August, 1897.

$3.50 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to Board of Finance, for August, 1897.

30c. to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to City Comptroller's office, for September, 1897.

$1.95 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service for September, 1897, for Board of Finance.

40c. to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service for September, 1897, to Mayor's office.

$3.05 to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to City Comptroller's office for April, 1897.

$20 to N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., for rent of safe in vaults of company, for use of Board of Finance, from January 14, 1897, to January 14, 1898.

$5.55 to N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for telephone service (tolls), Corporation Counsel, December 1, 1896, to March 1, 1897.

$5.92 to N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for telephone service, Board of Finance, from December 1, 1896, to March 1, 1897.

$97.22 to N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for telephone tolls, Mayor's office, from December 1, 1896, to March 1, 1897.

$3.20 to N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for tolls, Board of Finance office, from March 1 to June 1, 1897.

$12.10 to N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for tolls, Corporation Counsel's office, from March 1 to June 1, 1897.

$83.67 to N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for tolls, from March 1, to June 1, 1897, and exchange service, from June 1 to September 30, 1897, Mayor's office.

$17.55 to N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for telephone service at Mayor's office, exchange service, October 1 to December 31, 1897, and calls, June 1 to September 1, 1897.

$26.55 to N. Y. & N. J. Tel Co. for telephone service at City Treasurer's office, exchange service, October 1 to December 31, 1897, and calls, June 1 to September 1, 1897.

$4.85 to N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for telephone service, office of Corporation Counsel, calls from June 1 to September 1, 1897.

$6.40 to N. Y. and N. J. Tel. Co. for telephone service at office of Board of Finance, from June 1 to September 1, 1897.

$29.90 to N. Y. and N. J. Tel. Co. for tolls from March 1 to June 1, 1897, and exchange service from July 1 to September 30, 1897, City Treasurer.

$26.50 to Corbin & Corbin for taxed costs, mandamus suit, Browning vs. O'Donnell.

$49 to Naar, Day & Naar for printing case of Wanser vs. Hoos.

$6 to Mackey's A B C Guide for subscription to June 1, 1898 (chargeable to account claims, year 1896-1897).

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam, and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$39.09 to James B. Hill for printing and stationery for City Collector.

$24.71 to James B. Hill for printing and stationery for City Collector.

$20.75 to James B. Hill for printing for City Collector.

$40 to Albert Datz for four police warrant books for City Clerk.

$90 to Albert Datz for warrant books for City Clerk.

$2 to Albert Datz for postage stamps, Mayor's office.

$90 to Albert Datz for binding 36 minute books, Board of Finance.

$94 to The Jersey City News for printing manual slips for Board of Finance, pages 65-106.

$42 to the Jersey City News, for printing manual slips, Board of Finance, pages 107-127.

$44 to the Jersey City News, for printing manual, pages 43-64, Board of Finance.

$20.85 to J. W. Harrison, for stationery, etc., for City Comptroller.

$75.75 to John J. O'Hara, for printing and stationery for Board of Finance.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, By the assessment map filed with the City Collector for the improvement of Crescent avenue, from Communipaw avenue to Clinton avenue, the Corporation of Jersey City is charged in accordance with Sections 3 and 9 of Chapter 166 of the Laws of 1894, with the proportionate cost of said improvement for the 50 feet where Harmon street intersects Crescent avenue; and,

Whereas, The Corporation Counsel of Jersey City has aproved of said charge by his indorsement upon said assessment map; therefore be it

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the City Collector for the sum of $252.09, being the proportionate amount for the assessment charged against the Corporation of Jersey City (without interest) for the improvement of Crescent avenue, as aforesaid, and in order to provide said amount; be it further

Resolved, That a temporary loan bond in the amount of $252.09 be issued, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, and that the amount of said bond

be placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $161.66 in favor of William V. Toffey, to return amount overpaid for the taxes of year 1896-1897 on the following property:—

Lot part 50, block 389, Monmouth street, etc., overpayment	$90.42
Lot part plot 50, block 415, Brunswick street, etc., overpayment	71.24
Total	$161.66

The original assessments against said lots were $337.02 and $276.74, respectively, and pending an appeal to the Commissioners of Appeal in Cases of Taxation, for a reduction, the tax was inadvertently paid.

By Mr. Bailey, in behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen, at its meeting held October 12, 1897, adopted certain preambles and resolutions, requesting an extraordinary appropriation of $4,500 to defray the cost of the recent special election; and reciting the reasons therefor;

Resolved, That the request of the Board of Aldermen be granted, and that in order to provide said sum the Committee on Finance of this Board are hereby authorized to issue a temporary loan bond in the sum of $4,500 at a rate of interest not to exceed four (4) per centum per annum, provisions for the payment of said bond to be made in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, A further requisition having been made by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, by resolution adopted October 25, 1897, for the sum of $10,000, to liquidate claims for advertising, etc., on account of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., of the Laws of 1895, the amount heretofore appropriated to the said Board of Street and Water Commissioners having been expended; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby appropriates the sum of $10,000 to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to be used in paying claims for advertising, etc., under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., Laws of 1895, the amount heretofore appropriated for such purpose having been exhausted, and in order to raise said sum the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to issue temporary loan bonds in the sum of $10,000, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 per cent. per annum, the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be set aside for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to pay claims for advertising, etc., under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., Laws of 1895.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That upon the request of the Board of Education, the Board of Finance hereby appropriates the sum of $3,100 to pay the teachers, janitors, rental and cost of suitable alterations to building corner of Greene and Grand streets, to be used by the Board of Education for school purposes; and,

Resolved, That upon a further request of the Board of Education, the sum of $1,511 be appropriated by the Board of Finance for the following purposes:—

For alterations to provide for two (2) new class rooms in School No. 24	$490.00
Furniture	221.60
Salaries of two teachers in said school for fiscal year, beginning Dec. 1, 1897	800.00

and,

Resolved, That temporary loan bonds be issued in the sum of $4,611.60, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 per cent. per annum, the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be set aside to the credit of the Board of Education for the purposes above mentioned; and, further,

Resolved, That the said sum of $4,611.60 be placed in the next tax levy.

By President Brautigam, on behalf of the Committee of the Whole:—

Whereas, This Board is in receipt of a certain report of expert accountants, from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, said expert accountants having been appointed by said Board for the purpose of examining the condition of the books of the Water Department; and,

Whereas, It does not appear that said report has been acted upon in any manner by said Board of Street and Water Commissioners, to which said report was made; and,

Whereas, The control, management and conduct of all the affairs of the Water Department is within the jurisdiction of said Board of Street and Water Commissioners, all irregularities in said Department should be corrected by said Board; therefore,

Resolved, That the said resolution and report of said expert accountants be returned to said Board of Street and Water Commissioners in order that said Board may recommend and inaugurate such proceedings as may be necessary for the recovery of any moneys due to the city, which may appear by said report to have been misappropriated or wrongfully withheld; this Board being willing to aid and concur in any suggestion or proceeding for the recovery of such moneys, but lacking the power to inaugurate any proceedings of such a nature in connection with the affairs of a department concerning which it can act in a concurrent manner.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to make the

folowing transfers ,account Board of Fire Commissioners, fiscal year, 1896-1897:—

$2,500, from account salaries to account claims.

On motion of Mr. Simpson a recess of ten minutes was then taken.

Upon the reassembling of the Board all the members were present, five (5) in number.

The following resolution was presented and received, and the said resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By President Brautigam, on behalf of the Committee of the Whole:—

Whereas, This Board did by resolution adopted at the meeting held June 28, 1897, order a warrant drawn in favor of Alice McGrath in the sum of $1,000, in payment for lot (40) forty, in Block (2,086) two thousand and eighty-six, fronting on Manning avenue, as laid down on a map, entitled "Official assessment map of Jersey City, N. J., 1894, L. D. Fowler, surveyor"; and

Whereas, The Commissioners appointed by the Court in the matter of the application of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for the condemnation of lands of Alice McGrath for a public school site, have awarded to said Alice McGrath the sum of $3,165;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Alice McGrath, owner, in the sum of $2,165, in adition to the warrant in the sum of $1,000 previously ordered drawn in her favor in full payment for the above mentioned lot No. 40, Block 2,086, the warrants as aforesaid not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed vesting the title of said property in the city, free and clear of all encumbrance, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Wednesday, November 3, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the regular meeting, October 20, 1897, and of the adjourned regular meeting, October 27, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS ETC.

Petition of Henry Puster, attorney of Sarah Richardson, for the return of $41.27 surplus paid in the redemption of lands.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the Good Government Association, No. 1, relative to the charges made by the Evening Journal against Chief Engineer W. W. Ruggles, and requesting that said charges be immediately investigated.

Ordered filed.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Homer W. Hedge, $15; James B. Hill, $50, $65 and $65.75.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Ravine Road Sewer Commission:—

Nov. 3, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—I herewith submit to you, as required by the statute, requisition for second payment to Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine Road sewer extension, in accordance with the estimate of the engineer, amounting to the sum of fourteen thousand, six hundred and eighty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents ($14,688.81).

Also requisition in favor of Hugh Kelly, inspector on said improvement, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five ($135) dollars, making a total requisition of fourteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty-one cents ($14,823.81).

Attached to the requisition is a certified copy of the Engineer's estimate and approved claim of Hugh Kelly.

Respectfully,

E. W. HARRISON,

Pres't Ravine Road Sewer Com.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Concurrent resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted November 1, 1897.)

2. To construct a sewer beginning at a point in Hudson Boulevard at the intersection of Carlton avenue, with the west side of said Boulevard; thence through Carlton avenue to Germania avenue, etc., and to take an easement to a strip of land owned by the Northern Railroad Co. and others, for the construction and maintenance of said sewer, and to refer the whole matter of said improvement to the Commissioners of Assessment and Chief Engineer for procedure according to law.

(Adopted November 1, 1897.)

3. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record certain assesments for water rents.

(Adopted November 1, 1897.)

4. Awarding to John Tully the contract to clean Reservoir No. 1, he being the lowest bidder.

(Adopted November 1, 1897.)

5. Awarding the contract for laying and relaying water pipe, to Philip Tumulty, Jr., he being the lowest bidder.

(Adopted November 1, 1897.)

6. Whereas, The expert accountant heretofore appointed by this Board, has made report indicating a deficiency in the department of collections of water rents of upward of $4,000; and,

Whereas, A bond given by the responsible officer or officers was fixed in amount by the Board of Finance, which said Board is the custodian of said bond upon which suit must be brought to recover;

Resolved, That the said report be referred to said Board of Finance, with recommendation that suit be immediately instituted on said bond for the recovery of such deficiency as may appear.

(Adopted November 3, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:—

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of James H. Clark, hereto attached, respectfully report recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lots 31, 32 and 33, block 56, Fox place, being property purchased by the city under Adjustment Tax sale (sale No. 2,860), for which a deed (No. 1,072) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to James H. Clark, or his assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $333.78, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and cost to date; and that upon the payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor, under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation

Counsel and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

The report was received and the resolution therein contained was adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Awarding to Philip Tumilty, Jr., the contract to furnish, lay and relay cast iron water pipe, from date of contract to May 1, 1898, according to specifications heretofore approved, at prices named in his bid submitted October 18, 1897.

(Adopted November 1, 1897.)

2. To construct a sewer beginning at a point in Hudson Boulevard, at the intersection of Carlton avenue, with the west side of said Boulevard; thence through Carlton avenue to Germania avenue, etc., and to take an easement to a strip of land owned by the Northern Railroad of N. J. and others for the construction of said sewer, and to refer the whole matter of said improvement to the Commissioners of Assessment and the Chief Engineer for procedure according to law.

(Adopted November 1, 1897.)

2. Awarding to John Tully the contract to clean Reservoir No. 1, situate near Belleville, N. J., according to specifications heretofore approved, at the price named in his bid ($800), he being the lowest bidder.

(Adopted November 1, 1897.)

3. Authorizing and directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record certain assessments for water rents against W. Van Keuren, John Whitfield and others, for the reasons as noted.

(Adopted November 1, 1897.)

4. Whereas, The expert accountant heretofore appointed by this Board has made report indicating a deficiency in the department of collection of water rents of upwards of $4,000; and

Whereas, A bond given by the responsible officer or officers was fixed in amount by the Board of Finance, which said Board is custodian of said bond upon which suit must be brought to recover.

Resolved, That the said report be referred to said Board of Finance with recommendation that suit be immediately institued on said bond for the recovery of such deficiency as may appear.

(Adopted November 3, 1897.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$30 to The Evening Journal Association for publishing advertisement of Mayor's dog proclamation.

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$15.75 to The Evening Journal Association, for advertising for proposals to print city charter.

$797.10 to The Evening Journal Association, for publishing personal tax notice.

$797.10 to The Jersey City News, for publishing list of delinquents, personal taxes.

$55 to The Jersey City News, for publishing advertisement of Mayor's dog proclamation.

$716.68 to Corbin & Corbin, for balance of decree of Chancery Court on Hatch avenue matter.

$150 to Corbin & Corbin, for legal services, Penn. R. R. Co., suit Harsimus Cove taxes.

$87.46 to Corbin & Corbin, for legal services, Ravine Road sewer, appeal of D. L. & W. R. R. Co.

$31 to the N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., for telephone service and rental to City Treasurer, from April 1 to June 30, 1897.

(Chargeable to account claims, year 1896-1897.)

$180 to The Jersey City News, for advertising City Collector's sale, No. 17.

(Chargeable to account Martin act.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam, and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$65.75 to James B. Hill for furnishing printed forms (schedule unpaid taxes), made to order (bill of November 3, 1897).

$120 to F. Heppenheimer's Sons for printing two bond books.

$48 to F. Heppenheimer's Sons for 200 7 per cent. bonds, in black and green and bound.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

Report of the Committee of the Whole:—
Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred October 20, 1897, the annexed resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

HENRY BRAUTIGAM,
R. SIMPSON,
Signed, H. L. KELLERS,
WM. F. MIDLIGE,
J. S. BAILEY,
Committee of the Whole.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners October 18, 1897, to wit:—

"Resolved, That the specifications for a supply of filtered water for Jersey City and for a new water supply for Jersey City, as submitted by expert hydraulic engineers, September 27, ultimo, and amended by the Board on this date, be and are hereby adopted and ordered filed; and that when such specifications shall have been concurred in and approved, the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby authorized and directed to insert therein such date for the reception of proposals as will permit of a period of six weeks elapsing between the first insertion of advertisement for proposals and the reception of bids.

The report was received and the resolution therein contained was concurred in by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that the vetoes of His Honor the Mayor of resolutions adopted by this Board October 6, 1897, 1, Providing for the payment of salary of James S. Erwin as Corporation Attorney for the months of January, February and March, 1894, and 2, Providing for the payment of certain monies to Louis V. Booraem and to Wallis, Edwards & Bumsted, attorneys of Lineau estate, for right of way in the construction of the Ravine Road sewer extension, which vetoes were received by this Board at the regular meeting held October 20, 1897, and laid on the table, be now taken from the table.

Adopted by the votes of all the members of the Board on the call for the ayes and nays by the President.

Mr. Simpson moved that the resolution providing for the payment of the salary of James S. Erwin, as Corporation Attorney for the months of January, February and March, 1894, do now pass notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

The motion was adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

Mr. Simpson moved that the resolution providing for the payment of $500 to Louis V. Booraem for right of way in the Ravine Road sewer extension, do now pass notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

The motion was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nay—Mr. Midlige—1.

Absent—None.

Mr. Simpson moved that the resolution providing for the payment of $4,500 to Wallis, Edwards & Bumstead, attorneys, of Lineau estate, for right of way in the Ravine Road sewer extension do now pass, notwithstanding the objections of Honor, the Mayor.

The motion was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—Mr. Midlige—1.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, November 17, 1897, at 1 o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam, and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Commission for the reconstruction and extension of the Ravine Road sewer, acting under the provisions of "An act to provide for the reconstruction of main outlet sewers heretofore constructed at the joint expense of two cities," approved March 18, 1890 (General Statutes, pages 618, etc.), and the supplements thereto, have issued requisitions on this Board for the following bills incurred in the performance of said work;

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the following amounts for the following purposes in connection with the work of said Commission:—

1. To Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine Road sewer extension, for the sum of fourteen thousand six hundred and eighty-eight

dollars and eighty-one cents ($14,688.81), being second payment under his contract.

2. To Hugh Kelly, for the sum of one hundred and thirty-five dollars ($135), for services as inspector on said sewer from September 9 to October 31, 1897, both inclusive, making a total payment of fourteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty-one cents ($14,823.81).

Resolved, That in order to raise the monies required for such payment, the said sum of fourteen thousand eight hundred and twenty-three dollars and eighty-one cents ($14,823.81) be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of the assessment to be made for the reconstruction of said sewer, and that bonds of the city under the seal of the city, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and countersigned by the City Comptroller, be issued for that amount in such denominations as may be fixed by the Committee on Finance of this Board, and to be due and payable January 1, 1901, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, on the first days of January and July in each year; and be it further

Resolved, That said bonds be sold under the direction of the Committee of Finance of this Board, at not less than par and accrued interest, and that the proceeds thereof be appropriated for the payment of the warrants above mentioned; and be it further

Resolved, That all assessments collected upon said improvement be and they are pledged to the redemption and payment of the bonds issued and to be issued for such improvement.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Finance Committee:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby appropriates the sum of $2,500 to pay claim of Allan L. McDermott, presented September 28, 1897, for professional services in matter of litigation concerning validity of Chapter 28, Laws of 1897; and

Resolved, That in order to raise said amount the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to issue one or more temporary loan bonds in said sum of $2,500, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4% per annum; the proceeds of the sale of said bond or bonds to be set aside to pay the claims of Allan L. McDermott hereinbefore mentioned; and further

Resolved, That the said sum of $2,500 be and is hereby ordered placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $60,000 to transfer that amount from "Liquor License Account" to "Special School Account."

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Committee on Finance desire to place in operation in connection with the collection of moneys, in all departments of the city where moneys are received, the same general plan as adopted by this Board by resolution of October 20, 1897, in connection with the Water Registrar's office; therefore be it

Resolved, That upon payment of any moneys, in cash or otherwise, to the Permit Clerk of the Water Department, the said Clerk will not deliver the receipt therefor to the party making such payment until such receipt shall have been inspected by the City Comptroller, whose duty it shall be forthwith on presentation of the same to enter in a proper book or books, provided for that purpose, the date of such payment, the name of the party making the same, for what paid, and the amount thereof, and to endorse on such receipt the date and amount of such payment, with his name and style of office. It is proposed to place this plan in operation not later than December 1 next.

In order that it may become effective it is necessary that all bills, etc., in use on and after that date be stamped "Receipt not valid unless countersigned by City Comptrolller."

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Owing to the delay in adjusting the error as set forth in resolution passed by this Board June 24, 1897, for the benefit of Phillippina Bohl (printed minutes Page 44) this Board is of the opinion that interest should not be charged upon the adjusted taxes, etc., on lot 1, block 915 (report 102); therefore, be it

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of A. A. Frank, attorney for John D. Brane, for the sum of $21.48, to return the amount of interest paid August 31, 1897, to the City Collector for taxes, assessments, etc., as adjusted in report No. 102, on lot 1, block 915.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $35,000 to transfer that amount from assessment account to Sinking Fund April 1, 1916, to pay $1,469,000 5 per cent. assessment bonds, due April 1, 1916, being the amount due said fund fiscal year 1896-1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That upon the reports of the Corportion Counsel and City Comptroller endorsed upon the petition of Sarah Richardson, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Henry Puster, attorney of Sarah Richardson, for $41.27 for amount of surplus realized upon

the tax sale, under Chapter 112, of the Laws of 1886, and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector on April 16, 1895, of lot 24, block 1,348, Stevens avenue, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest, cost and disbursements.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, At the public sale held by Jersey City on the 23d day of June, 1897, Nathaniel E. Smith purchased lots 15 and 16, block 328, Fifteenth street, and plots I and J, block 503½, Bergen avenue, paying therefor the following sums: —

Deposit	$50 00
Auctioneer's fees	12 00
Deposit	380 00
Auctioneer's fees	6 00
Interest	6 72
Total	$454 72

And whereas, Since said sale Mr. Smith has several times been ready to pay the balance due on account of said purchase, but in each case was told that he could not get possession of the property for the reason that in the case of lots 15 and 16 the Mayor refused to sign the deeds to same; and in the case of plots I and J he could not get possession, as the former owners would not surrender the same; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $436.72, in favor of Nathaniel E. Smith, to return amount paid to the city on account of purchase at city's sale (deposit $430, and interest $6.72) of lots 15 and 16, block 328, Fifteenth street, and plots I and J, block 503½, Bergen avenue, for the reasons hereinbefore mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Friday, November 12, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The call for the meeting (issued by the President for the purpose of fixing the amount of bond to be given by Mr. Lucien D. Fowler, Chief Engineer, etc., taking action on said bond and for the transaction of "General Business") was read by the Clerk.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of Henry C. Nichols for the return of moneys paid in the redemption of certain land sold by the city for unpaid taxes, certificates of sale having been lost, and a bond of indemnity was presented in place thereof.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Postal Tel. Cable Co., $1.50, 90 cents and 35 cents; Albert Datz, $50; James N. Braden, $4.09; The Jersey City News, $38; The Evening Journal, $229.16; Geo. B. Fielder, $34.73; J. Herbert Potts, $171 and $168; F. J. Higgins, $112 and $114.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From Hon. Job H. Lippincott:—

Order of Job H. Lippincott, Supreme Court Justice, fixing the compensation of Commissioners appointed to appraise lands, etc., of Alice McGrath, for a public school site.

Order of Job H. Lippincott, Supreme Court Justice, fixing the compensation of Commissioners appointed to apraise lands, etc., of Thomas F. Murphy, for a public school site.

The above communications were presented and received and the Clerk of the Board was directed to file the same with the County Clerk, and copies of the same to be filed with the Board of Finance.

From the Corporation Attorney:—

Communication, notifying Board of Finance that Judge Job H. Lippincott has taxed and allowed Cornelius J. Cronan and Isaac Romaine, the Commissioners appointed to appraise lands and assess the damages of Alice McGrath, at $50 each, and recommends that warrants be drawn in favor of the said Commissioners for the amounts named.

Received and ordered placed on file.

From the Corporation Attorney:—

Communication notifying Board of Finance that Judge Job H. Lippincott has taxed and allowed Moritz Hammerschlag, James F. Gannon and Martin J. Bonner, the Commissioners appointed to appraise lands and assess the damages of Thomas F. Murphy, at $50 each, and recommends that warrants be drawn in favor of the said Commissioners for amounts named.

Received and ordered filed.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, Nov. 9, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I have received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for collection in my office the following assessment maps:—

Improvement of Reservoir avenue, Webster to Central avenues	$4,758 30
Improvement of Zabriskie street, Summit avenue to Boulevard....	6,932 56
Improvement of Hague street, Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road	6,015 66
Improvement of Glenwood avenue, Bergen to West Side avenues....	17,598 41
Improvement of Arlington avenue, Communipaw avenue to Grand street	770 00
Improvement of Clinton avenue, Jackson to Bergen avenues.....	4,693 75
Improvement of Linden avenue, Avenue E to Ocean avenue	5,137 81
Sewer in Hoadley avenue, 115 feet west of West Side to Mallory avenues, etc.....	3,666 80

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, November 9, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I would call the attention of your Honorable Board to a resolution which you passed ordering the City Treasurer to refund to one Nathaniel E. Smith the sum of $454.72, which was paid by him for deposits, auctioneer's fees, and interest on a contemplated purchase of city property. Your Honorable Board ordered this money refunded because, as it is said, I withheld my approval from one of the parcels of property bought by Mr. Smith and because the city could not place Mr. Smith in possession of the other parcel.

The fact that I refused to confirm the sale of the parcel first mentioned is not in itself a sufficient reason for refunding the money and so negativing the sale. I am sure that you will agree with me that there was no error in my judgment when I refused to sanction a sale of property which cost the city $1,639.31, and which the city was about to present to Mr. Smith for $250.

In the case of the second parcel of property mentioned I would state that I confirmed the sale on the day following, inasmuch as the purchaser agreed to pay $1,900 for property which cost the city $2,636.79. This, considering the general run of "absolute sale" prices, I deemed a fair bargain and naturally I confirmed the sale. Why the city could give no

deed for said property and why the former owner would not surrender, I cannot say; but I do say that such echoes of "absolute sales" are detrimental to the city's interests.

This matter should be investigated, and the blame placed upon the department responsible and whose duty it is to see to it that when a sale is ordered under the "Martin Act" that all matters, even to the minutest detail, have been thoroughly attended to, so that the possibility of any question as to the right of possession or the title may be rendered improbable. Considering the fact that the purchaser was willing and on several occasions did offer to pay for the property and the fact that he could not get possession of it because the city could give him no deed, I reluctantly approved of the resolution.

Trusting that this matter may be given the consideration which it demands, I am,

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Ordered filed.

The following communication was also presented and received, and on motion was ordered filed:—

Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 12, 1897.

To the Board of Finance of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—I find it absolutely necessary for the best interests of the city, that the work below enumerated be accomplished as soon as possible:—

First—That all the records of the Engineering Department be gathered together and properly indexed for the present and future reference.

Second—That a complete grade map of the entire city be made, showing the grades of all streets opened or to be opened.

Third—That a general sewerage plan of the entire city, showing all sewers constructed or to be constructed, with the size thereof be made; said plan being one of the charter requirements.

Fourth—That the records be searched and a map and schedules be made showing the location and size of all private sewers existing throughout the city.

Fifth—That the present water pipe map be verified and additions made thereto, showing the size and character of pipe to be laid in streets having at present no water service.

The present force in the Engineering Bureau is inadequate to perform the general duties now required of it, not considering the work above outlined. For these reasons I ask that the engineering expenses on improvements when certified by me according to law be credited to the engineering account. By so doing no extra appropriation will be required.

Yours respectfully,

L. D. FOWLER.

From the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, the following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, were presented and received. They were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the salaries of employes laying and repairing water pipe, for the month of October, 1897, as per pay roll, amounting to $3,405.50.

(Adopted November 8, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent, etc., in the Water Department for the month of October, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,411.

(Adopted November 8, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service for the month of October, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $2,066.75.

(Adopted November 8, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted November 8, 1897.)

The following resolution was also received from the same Board and referred to the Committee on Finance.

5. That the Board of Finance be and is hereby requested to fix the amount of bond to be given by the Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Survey of this Board, appointed this day (L. D. Fowler).

(Adopted November 8, 1897.)

Under a suspension of the rules, the following resolution was presented by Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the amount of bond to be given by Lucien D. Fowler, Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Survey of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of Jersey City, appointed November 8, 1897, be and the same is hereby fixed in the sum of $25,000.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

Under a suspension of the rules, the official bond of Lucieu D. Fowler as Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Survey of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of Jersey City, in the sum of $25,000, with Thomas F. Bedle, John J. Toffey, John Edelstein, Charles B. Thurston and John J. Voorhees as sureties, was presented and referred to the Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending that the following official bond referred to it be received and approved, entered at large upon the bond book and filed:—

Bond of Lucien D. Fowler, as Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Survey, of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of Jersey City, in the sum of $25,000, with Thomas F. Bedle, John J. Toffey, John Edelstein, Charles B. Thurston and John J. Voorhees as sureties.

The report was received and the recommendations therein contained were adopted, and the bond was approved by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the following salaries for the month of October, 1897, as per payrolls:—

General Superintendent, etc., $1,411; Laying and repairing water pipe, $3,405.50; Belleville and High Service, $2,066.75.

(Adopted November 8, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the following claims:—

September 27, 1897:—

Frank P. Woodcock,

October 5, 1897:—

Charles L. Davis, $28.50; Albert Morehouse, $7; Dyes' Gov. Counterfeit Detector, $6; John A. Vill, $19.45.

October 11, 1897:—

Henry Ficken, $14.

October 18, 1897:—

Philip E. Martin, $100.10; Edward O'Donnell, $11.75; Otto Bahr, $43.88; Patrick Sherry, $22.

October 25, 1897:—

The Jersey City News, $28.35; J. W. Harrison, $12.60; The Evening Journal Association, $27.30.

November 1, 1897:—

Charles L. Davis, $5.50.

November 8, 1897:—

The Jersey City News, $15.75; The Evening Journal Association, $24.85; F. W. Towey, $5.65; D. J. Smith, $25.50; O'Brien & Keilt, $11.25.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam, and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering paid the following claim:—

$1.50 to Postal Tel. Co. for messenger service to Board of Finance in October, 1897.

(Chargeable to account "claims," 1896-1897.)

The report was received and the claim was ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending that resolutions be adopted ordering paid the following claims:—

$50 to Albert Datz, for furnishing to City Collector 2,500 two-cent postage stamps; $15 to Homer W. Hedge, for printing circulars, sale of $100,000 Public School Bonds, bill, November 3, 1897.

$38 to the Jersey City News for printing manual slips, pages 128 to 146, Board of Finance.

$90.30 to James B. Hill for printing and stationery for City Collector (amount of bill reduced from $97.80.)

(Chargeable to account "Claims," 1896-1897.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was presented by the Committee of the Whole and the same was adopted by the votes of all the members present, four (4) in number, on the call of the President for the yeas and nays:—

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners has forwarded to the Board of Finance the following:—

"Whereas, The Expert Accountant heretofore appointed by this Board has made report indicating a deficiency of water rents of upward of $4,000; and,

Whereas, A bond given by the responsible officer or officers was fixed in amount by the Board of Finance, which said Board is the custodian of said bond upon which suit must be brought to recover.

Resolved, That the said report be referred to said Board of Finance with recommendation that suit be immediately instituted on said bond for the recovery of such deficiency as may appear."

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be and he is hereby instructed to institute proceedings for the recovery of the moneys due the city, as shown by the report, referred to in the foregoing resolution and the report of said Expert Accountant be sent to the Corporation Attorney with this resolution.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, November 17, 1897, at one o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The Board then adjourned on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, November 17, 1897, at one o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

After the roll was called the President declared the first business to be to receive proposals for $100,000 4% Public School (Coupon) Bonds, in answer to the circular issued by the City Comptroller.

Seventeen (17) bids were received, each bid being accompanied by a certified check of $2,000, as required by said circular.

The following are the bids:—

Boston, Nov. 16, 1897.

George R. Hough, City Comptroller, Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir—For the $100,000 City of Jersey City, N. J., 4% Gold School Bonds, dated August 2, 1897, payable August 2, 1927, without option of previous redemption, principal and semi-annual interest, payable in gold coin of the United States of the present standard of weight and fineness, we will pay you 104.22 and accrued interest, equivalent to $1,042.20 and accrued interest for each $1,000 in bonds.

We enclose herewith a certified check for $2,000.

The usual papers evidencing the legality of the issue satisfactorily to our attorneys to be furnished prior to payment for and delivery of bonds.

In case same are awarded to us, kindly wire us, and in any event kindly furnish us with full list of bids and bidders.

The above bid is made on the supposition that the bonds are a direct and binding obligation of the City of Jersey City, N. J.

Yours respectfully,

E. H. ROLLINS & SONS.

P. S.—Denomination of bonds to be $1,000.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 15, 1897.

To the Board of Finance of Jersey City, Jersey City, N. J.

Gentlemen—We beg to bid for the $100,000 Jersey City, N. J., 4% Public School Gold Bonds as follows:—

$50,000 at 102.06 and accrued interest.

$50,000 at 101.53 and accrued interest.

We enclose herein our certified check for $2,000, payable to the City Treasurer of Jersey City.

Very truly yours,

OWEN DALY & CO.

Boston, Nov. 16, 1897.

George R. Hough, Esq., City Comptroller, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the $100,000 Jersey City 4% Gold Public School Bonds, to be dated August 2, 1897, and payable August 2, 1927, we will give par and a premium of three and one hundred and fifty-eight thousandths per cent (103.158%); that is to say, ten hundred and thirty-one dollars and fifty-eight cents ($1,031.58) for each $1,000 of the bonds.

Accrued interest to date of delivery is to be added to the above bid, which is made subject to the satisfaction of our attorney that the bonds are legally and regularly issued in all respects.

In conformity with the requirements of your circular, we enclose you herewith certified check for $2,000, which kindly return if the bonds are not awarded to us.

We shall be glad to have you send us result of sale, with full list of bids and bidders.

Yours respectfully,

ADAMS & CO.

Boston, Nov. 16, 1897.

George R. Hough, Esq., City Comptroller, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the whole or any part of the one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars Public School Bonds, to be sold by you November 17, we will give you one hundred three seventy (103.70) and accrued interest to date of delivery, or $1.037 and accrued interest for each $1,000 bond.

Enclosed please find our certified cheque for $2,000, sent in acordance with the terms of your circular, to be returned to us forthwith if our bid is not accepted.

This bid is made subject to approval of legality of the issue by our attorneys.

If we are the successful bidders please advise us at once by wire.

Very truly yours,

E. C. STANWOOD & CO.

Boston, Nov. 16, 1897.

George R. Hough, Esq., City Comptroller, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the $100,000 City of Jersey City Gold 4% bonds due August 2, 1927, principal and semi-annual interest to be payable in gold coin of the present standard of weight and fineness, and payable in New York City, we will give one hundred two and twenty-eight hundredths per cent. (102.28%), that is to say, at the rate of ten hundred twenty-two dollars and eighty cents ($1,022.80) for each $1,000 bond.

Accrued interest to day of delivery is to be added to the above bid, which is made subject to the satisfaction of our counsel, Messrs. Storey & Thorndike, that the bonds are regularly and legally issued in all respects.

In accordance with the terms of your advertisement, we endorse herewith certified check for $2,000.

Will you kindly advise us of the result of the sale and furnish us with a list of the bids and bidders.

Very truly yours,

BLODGET, MERRITT & CO.

November 17, 1897.

George R. Hough, Esq., City Comptroller,
Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the $100,000 Jersey City Gold 30-year Coupon 4% Bonds, dated August 2, 1897, and due August 2, 1927, as described in your circular notice to be sold this day, we offer par, accrued interest and a premium of ($2,436.25) twenty-four hundred and thirty-six 25 dollars.

We enclose certified check, twenty-five hundred dollars. Bonds to be legal and in proper form.

Respectfully,
SEASONGOOD & MAYER,
By T. Reis.

New York, November 17, 1897.

George R. Hough, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—We beg to make the following offer for the $100,000 Public School Bonds, dated August 2, 1897, maturing August 2, 1927, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum; principal and interest payable in gold:—

For the above described bonds we will give $102.55 and accrued interest.

Bonds to be legal and binding obligations of the city of Jersey City, papers to that effect to be furnished us prior to delivery, should we be the successful bidders.

We enclose herewith certified check to the order of the City Treasurer for $2,000, being 2 per cent. of the par value of the bonds bid for, which we would thank you to return to our representative in case we do not secure the award.

Yours truly,
FARSON, LEACH & CO.
By Olaf Ussing.

New York, November 17, 1897.

George R. Hough, Esq., City Comptroller,
Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—Referring to your circular inviting bids for $100,000 City of Jersey City Public School Coupon Bonds, bearing interest at the rate of 4 per cent., payable semi-annually, and principal and interest payable in gold coin, and due August, 1927, we hereby make you a bid of 103.58 and accrued interest.

Should the bonds be awarded to us, we want to be satisfied that the bonds are legally issued, and that we would be furnished with the necessary papers.

We enclose herewith our certified check of $2,000, as required under the terms of the proposal.

Very truly yours,
BLAKE BROS.

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33 Wall street, New York,
November 17, 1897.

Board of Finance of Jersey City, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sirs—For the one hundred thousand ($100,000) dollars Public School Bonds of Jersey City, N. J., dated August 2, 1897, payable August 2, 1927, bearing interest at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first days of February and August of each year, and more fully described in printed circular hereto attached, we will pay the sum of one hundred and three thousand seven hundred and sixty-one ($103,761) dollars and accrued interest to date of delivery.

Enclosed herewith please find certified check to the order of the City Treasurer of Jersey City for two thousand ($2,000) dollars, being two per cent. of the par value of the bonds bid for.

Respectfully,
BLAIR & CO.

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31 Nassau street, New York,
November 17, 1897.

George R. Hough, Esq., City Comptroller,
Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the $100,000 Gold, Tax Exempt, Public School Bonds of the city of Jersey City, which are dated August 2, 1897, and mature August 2, 1927, with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable semi-annually, and as otherwise described in your advertisement, we will pay 103.311 and accrued interest to date of delivery, you agreeing to furnish us the usual papers, satisfactorily showing to our attorney legality of issue, prior to payment for said bonds.

We hand you herewith our certified check for $2,000, being the deposit of two per cent. of the amount bid for, as required by your advertisement.

If the above bid is unsuccessful, we would thank you to return check to our representative.

Yours very truly,
N. W. HARRIS & CO.,
H. L. C.

New York, November 17, 1897.

George R. Hough, Esq., City Comptroller,
Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the $100,000 Jersey City Gold 30-year Coupon Bonds, dated August 2, 1897, and due August 2, 1927, as described in your circular notice of sale to be sold today, we will pay 102.659 (equal to $102,659) and accrued interest.

We hand you herewith our certified check for two thousand dollars, as evidence of good faith, as requested, which please return to our representative if our bid is not accepted.

Yours very truly,
BENWILL & EVERITT.

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31 Nassau street, New York,
November 17, 1897.

Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sirs—For the $100,000 Jersey City 4 % Gold Bonds offered for sale today as

per your advertisement, we will give 102.26 and interest to date of delivery. Enclosed is our certified check for $2,000.

E. D. SHEPARD & CO.,
per L. L. Barnum.

New York, November 17, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sirs—For the $100,000 4 % Public School Bonds offered for sale by your city today, we will pay you 103.479 and accrued interest to date of delivery. Bonds to be legally issued.

Enclosed find check as required.

W. J. HAYES & SONS,
By GEO. F. PENHALL, Agent.

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16 Broad street, New York,
November 17, 1897.

Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sirs—We herewith offer 102¼ and accrued interest for the $100,000 Jersey City 4% Gold Public School Bonds, payable August 2, 1927, coupons payable February 1 and August 1, and enclose certified check for $2,000 as per terms of sale.

Yours truly,

W. E. R. SMITH.

Baltimore, Nov. 17, 1897.

Board of Finance of Jersey City, N. J.:—

Gentlemen—The Hopkins Place Savings Bank of Baltimore, Md., will pay one hundred and four thousand and forty dollars ($104.040) and accrued interest for $100,000 4% Gold Public School Bonds of Jersey City, N. J., dated August 2, 1897, and payable August 2, 1927.

I enclose our certified draft for two thousand dollars ($2,000), being 2% of the par value of the amount of our bid.

Respectfully,

HOPKINS PLACE SAVINGS BANK,
ROBERT M. ROTHER,
Treasurer.

Baltimore, Md., Nov. 17, 1897.

To the Board of Finance of Jersey City, N. J.:—

Gentlemen—We beg to bid 101.02 and accrued interest for the $100,000 Jersey City, N. J., 4% Public School Gold Coupon Bonds, due 1927.

We enclose herewith certified check for $2,000, payable to the City Treasurer of Jersey City, as required under the advertisement.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT TAYLOR & CO.

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1 Nassau street, New York,
November 17, 1897.

George R. Hough, City Comptroller, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the $100,000 4% Gold Bonds of your city, dated August 2, 1897, and payable August 2, 1927, without option of prior payment, we will pay, if bonds are, in the opinion of our counsel, legal and binding obligations of your city, $101.069.

We enclose herewith our certified check for $2,000, as per conditions of above bid.

Yours very truly,

EDWARD C. JONES CO.,
L. C. W.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the bids were received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board then took a recess for ten minutes, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

Upon the reassembling of the Board, all the members being present, Mr. Bailey on behalf of the Committee on Finance, presented the following resolutions:—

Whereas, Under advertisement for proposals for $100,000 4% Public School Bonds (coupon bonds), proposals were received this 17th day of November, 1897, E. H. Rollins & Sons being the highest bidders; therefore

Resolved, That the proposal of E. H. Rollins & Sons, this day received, at the rate of 104.22 for the whole issue of $100,000 4% Public School Bonds, directed to be issued by this Board May 1, 1897, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and is hereby authorized to deliver said bonds November 22 (bonds bearing date August 2, 1897), under directions of the Committee on Finance of this Board, upon payment to the City Treasurer of the amount bid as aforesaid, the check for $2,000 this day received to be credited on account.

Adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—All the members of the Board five (5) in number.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to return to the unsuccessful bidders the certified checks accompanying their bids, presented this day.

Adopted by the following vote, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—All the members of the Board, five (5) in number.

A further recess was then taken for five minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board, all the members of the Board were present, five (5) in number.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, November 17, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

Minutes of the regular meeting, October 20, 1897; adjourned regular meeting, October 27, 1897; regular meeting, November 3, 1897, and special meeting, November 12, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of John A. Vill for the return of $154.07, paid in error on certain property for assessment of Brown place sewer, etc.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Application of Amelia Nicoll for deed No. 1,116 of lots 35 and 36, block 852, Moran street.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following copy of a writ of certiorari was presented andl received, and referred to the Corporation Attorney:—

To Martin Finck, Esq., Clerk Board of Finance:—

The State of New Jersey to the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City and Board of Finance and Taxation of Jersey City, greeting:—

We being willing for certain reasons to be certified of a certin resolution passed by the Board of Finance and Taxation of the City of Jersey City, in the State of New Jersey, on the 26th day of June, 1897, by which it was provided:—

"Resolved, That the services of Albert Payne, Marshal of the Second District Court, be and the same hereby are dispensed with, on and after June 1, 1897."

We do command you that the said resolution and all things touching and concerning the same, to our Supreme Court to be holden at Trenton, on the 30th day of November next, you do certify and send, together with this writ, that therein may be done what of right and according to the laws and Constitution of this State ought to be done. And have you then and there this writ.

Witness:—

WILLIAM J. MAGIE,

Chief Justice of our Supreme Court, at Trenton, this fifteenth day of November, A. D. 1897.

WILLIAM RIKER, Jr.,
Clerk.

McEWAN & McEWAN,
Attorneys for Prosecutor.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—Robert Lightfoot, $11; Albert Payne, $66.66; James F. Norton, $144; John J. Nevin, $216; Albert Datz, $73.50, $40 and $11.50; Isaac Van Saun, $50; James B. Hill, $42.09 and $34; Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, $10.75; Frank Meyer, $26; H. A. Lush, $70; the Jersey City News, $229.16; J. M. Startup, $83.33.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Board of Police Commissioners:—

Resolution (adopted November 16, 1897), That the Hon. Board of Finance be requested to transfer the balance accruing to the credit of appropriation for "Wiring Stations," $111, and the balance to the credit of Committee on "Hospital and Dispensaries," $128.20, to the credit of Committee on "General Claims," fiscal year 1896 and 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Board of Aldermen:—

Resolution (adopted November 9, 1897), That the Honorable Board of Finance be requested to direct the City Comptroller to transfer to "General Claims" account, 1896 and 1897, all the unexpended balances now in the appropriations to the credit of the Board of Aldermen, for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the City Comptroller:—

Jersey City, Nov. 17, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—The time of service of Mr. Isaac Van Saun as clerk in this office expires December 1, next.

Owing to the regular and increased amount of business of the office it will be necessary to continue his services. I therefore request that you consent to his remaining at the pleasure of your Board at a salary of $60 per month.

Respectfully,

GEORGE R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

Received and ordered filed.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, Nov. 15, 1897.

To Honorable Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I have received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners the following assessment map for collection in my office:

Improvement Neptune avenue, Boulevard to Ocean avenue, $6,385.50.

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed.

From L. D. Fowler, Chief Engineer:—

Jersey City, Nov. 17, 1897.

To the Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—In accordance with the suggestions made by me at a conference with your Board in relation to the proposed reorganization of the Departments of Engineering and Assessments, I have communicated with the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and certain resolutions have been adopted by the last

ramed Board embodying my plans. I desire to request your Board to concur in these resolutions.

The employes in the Assessment Department are on the payroll of the Board of Finance, and the combined salaries amount to $4,500 per annum. I have nominated three persons to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for appointment to succeed myself and my assistant without any increase of the amount allowed for the employment of two men. I would respectfully request your concurrence in these appointments also.

Very respectfully,

L. D. FOWLER,
Chief Engineer.

Received and referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

From the Corporation Counsel:—

Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 17, 1897.

To the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I herewith return to your Board the claim presented you, by James F. Fielder, Esq., in behalf of William Brinkerhoff, Esq., for legal services as Corporation Counsel, for the months of January, February and March, 1894.

I had at first supposed that Mr. Brinkerhoff's claim and that of Mr. Erwin's, for services as Corporation Attorney for the same period, upon which judgment has been rendered, were of the same character, both as to the facts and the law, and under that impression I agreed with Mr. Brinkerhoff that his claim should be settled if Mr. Erwin was successful.

The receipt of enclosed letter from Mr. Edwards, stating that the two cases are very different, has caused me to withdraw my consent to a settlement of this claim until the matter is determined in the courts.

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., Nov. 15, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—Herewith I return, without my approval, your resolution adopting specifications for a new water supply for Jersey City, having reached the conclusion that they should be amended in several particulars.

There are three separate schemes upon which proposals are asked for, as follows:—

I. The supply of fifty million gallons per day at an elevation of two hundred and ten feet.

II. The supply of thirty-five million gallons per day at the same elevation.

III. The supply of seventy million gallons per day at an elevation of one hundred and twenty-seven feet.

These schemes are respectively called Plans "A," "B," and "C." I think the city should advertise for what it wants. Plan "A" does this, and I recommend that the other plans be stricken from the specifications.

Plan "B" seems absolutely worthless. It is proposed to construct a plant to deliver thirty-five million gallons per day, at maximum capacity, and give the city the right to order additions to the plant to increase its capacity to seventy millions. The city will not need seventy million gallons per diem during the term for which the contract is to be made, but it is fairly certain that it will need more than thirty-five million gallons per day in about ten years. Under plans "A" and "B," whenever the need of the city exceeds thirty-five million gallons per day, the contractor must provide works of seventy million capacity. The right to purchase the plant from which water is accepted can be exercised by a vote of the people, and I think we may assume in this undertaking that if the water is satisfactory and the plant a proper one, the people will, within a few years, desire to purchase the plant. Jersey City should own its water works, but it will not be desirable to purchase a thirty-five million gallon plant or one having a capacity of seventy million gallons. I could not approve of a contract providing that the city should have, at the completion of the first conduit, a supply of only thirty-five million gallons. Plan "C" provides for the delivery of water at an elevation that would require the maintenance of a pumping station, and this should, under every circumstances, be avoided. Under Plan "A" the city will be wholly supplied with water without the expense of pumping, and I therefore recommend that bids be received for only this plan.

The paragraph reading: "Bidders under Plan 'A' must also state a price for which the city can buy and own the water works, water supply, water rights, lands, right of way and all appurtenances and easements necessary to fulfill the requirements of this specification to the extent of fifty million gallons of water daily; said purchase to take effect on completion and acceptance of the works if the city shall give notice of its intention to purchase within one year after date of contract," should be stricken from the specifications. It should not be within the power of the city to give notice of an intention to purchase works that have not been tested. The city, under this paragraph, is to give notice of intention to purchase within a year after the date of the contract, that is, when the works are about half constructed, and eighteen months before the first gallon of water is to be delivered. If it is said that the city would never give this notice, we have only an additional reason for striking out the provision. Where the exercise of a power cannot work bene-

fit to the public, the power should be withheld.

Under the heading "Time to Complete," it is provided that the contractor shall have two years and six months from the date of the contract to complete the work and furnish water. I think this time should be reduced to two years, but if this change is not made the penalty for each day's delay should be raised from two hundred to one thousand dollars.

The section under "Amendment of contract" reads as follows:—

"If the engineer shall certify that the contractor has abandoned the work to be done under the contract, or that said work is being unnecessarily or unreasonably delayed, or that the contractor is wilfully violating any of the terms, covenants and agreements of the contract, or is not executing this contract in good faith, or is not making such progress as to indicate its completion within the required time, then the Board of Street and Water Commissioners shall have the power and right to notify the contractor to discontinue all work or any part thereof under this contract, and upon such notification said contractor shall discontinue said work or such parts thereof as said Board may designate, and said Board shall have the power to reject the work or any part thereof and to complete the same at the cost and expense of the contractor, and the expense so charged shall be deducted and paid by said Board out of such money as may be due or become due at any time thereafter to said contractor under this contract or any part thereof. In case said expense is less than the sum which would have been payable under this contract if the same had been completed by said contractor, it is agreed that said contractor shall be entitled to receive the difference; and in case such expense shall exceed the sum which would have been payable under this contract if the same had been completed by said contractor, then said contractor shall pay the amount of said excess to said city, on notice from said Board of the excess so due."

This section means that if the contractor shall abandon the work the city shall complete it. The objections to this proposition are, first, that the city is wholly without power to do anything of the sort; second, the section is so drawn that if the contractor should abandon the work because he had underestimated the cost or found insurmountable difficulties, the city would be bound to take up this unwise speculation and attempt to carry it out. We are not, as I understand the project, about to advertise for the construction of works for the city, but for a supply of water, with an option to purchase a completed plant. Where would the city obtain the funds necessary to complete an abandoned or unnecessarily delayed contract? The only way to protect the city is to provide such a penalty for non-performance by the contractor as will put performance beyond doubt. This should be done by providing, in words susceptible of but one construction, that if the contractor shall fail to complete his contract within three months after the time given him by the contract the city shall have the right to absolutely abandon the contract, retaining, however, its rights under the bond given for performance.

The specifications are, in my opinion, faulty in that they do not provide that the source of supply shall be wholly within the State of New Jersey. This would seem absolutely necessary to give the city power to prevent pollution of the water. The arms of our legislative or judicial departments cannot reach into other States, and we cannot too carefully guard against the possibility of pollution. The specification for "Location of Plant" should be amended to provide that all reservoirs and storage basins shall be located wholly within the State of New Jersey.

The specifications provide that bids shall be accompanied by plans and drawings of the proposed works. In order that these may be properly compared they should be drawn on the same scale, and I suggest that the scale be fixed in the specifications.

It is provided that the city shall take a minimum supply of twenty million gallons of water per day. We are now using twenty-seven million gallons of water per day, and while that amount could probably be reduced by strict supervision of waste and consumption, it seems evident that we will need more than twenty-five million gallons per day in 1900. It may be that the city would obtain more advantageous bidding if the minimum supply was placed in alternative form, so that bids could state prices on the basis of a minimum supply of twenty, twenty-five and thirty million gallons per day.

You provide that "the right of way for conduits shall in no case be less than forty feet in width." I recommend a reconsideration of this provision, being advised that thirty feet would be ample. The city does not need any greater right of way than that obtained by Newark, and unnecessary condemnation will of course increase the price to be fixed for the plant. Before final determination on this point, I suggest that you consult the city officials of Newark, to ascertain whether the width asked for is necessary to meet any possible contingency.

In making these recommendations I have used information gathered from various sources, and trust that we shall reach an early agreement. Desiring the opinion of an eminent engineer, whose attitude would be that of a critic, I sub-

mitted the specifications to Mr. J. James R. Croes. While he made several suggestions of change in detail, I am pleased to convey to you his opinion that "the area of watershed required, the amount of storage necessary to be provided, the character of the materials and the workmanship demanded are all very fully and explicitly set forth in the specifications, which, on careful examination, appear to be framed with great care, and in accord with the latest experience and information in engineering practice."

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

The communication from His Honor the Mayor was received and laid over until the next regular meeting, and the subject matter referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The following resolutions, requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. That the following named persons be appointed to the positions and at the salaries designated, payment to be made by the Board of Finance out of the fund heretofore provided for by said Board:—

T. Y. Brown, Assessment Clerk, $1,800.

Chas. E. Nugent, Assistant Surveyor on Tax Commissioners' Maps, etc., $1,800.

George W. Hegel, First Assistant to Surveyor, $900.

(Adopted November 15, 1897.)

2. Fixing the salaries of the following reassessors at $75 per month each:—Cable, Freeland, Gildea, Neonan, Fish, Hannon, Sweney and Rowe.

(Adopted November 15, 1897.)

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted November 15, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lots 35 and 36, Block 852, Moran street, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (Sale No. 5,166), for which a deed (No. 1,116) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to Amelia Nicoll, or her assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $486.21, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted lien, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

Resolved, That the following named persons be and are hereby appointed to the positions and at the salaries designated, payment to be made by the Board of Finance out of the fund heretofore provided for by said Board:—

Truesdell Y. Brown, Assessment Clerk, salary per annum, payable monthly, $1,800.

Charles E. Nugent, Assistant Surveyor on Tax Commissioners' maps, etc., salary per annum, payable monthly, $1,800.

George W. Hegel, first assistant to Surveyor, salary per annum, payable monthly, $900.

The report was received and the resolution was concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby non-concurs in the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, to wit:—

Ordering paid the following claims:—

Resolution adopted October 5, 1897:—

J. Breternitz, $228.

Resolution adopted October 11, 1897:—

Thomas Holmes, $20.

Resolution adopted October 25, 1897, Julius Breternitz, $18.75.

Resolution adopted November 8, 1897, Julius Breternitz, $115.

Resolution adopted November 15, 1897, A. E. Nolan, $90.45.

The report was received and the resolution was non-concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee made a further report (which report is signed by Messrs. Simpson and Kellers) recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby non-concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street

and Water Commissioners, November 15, 1897, to wit:—

Resolved, That the salary of re-assessors appointed this day, be and is hereby fixed at $75 per month each. (Cable, Freeland, Gildea, Noonan, Fish, Hannon, Sweeney and Rowe.)

After the report was read by the Clerk, the report of the committee, at the request of Mr. Kellers, was laid over, and the Clerk of this Board was instructed to request Mr. Kenny, the Water Assessor, to be present at the meeting of the Board to be held on October 27 next.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$70 to H. A. Lush for services as assistant to Clerk, First District Court, for November, 1897, when due.

$26 to Frank Meyer, for services as marshal to First District Court for October, 1897.

(Chargeable to account District Court fees.)

$83.33 to J. M. Startup for services as extra clerk in City Collector's office, for November, 1897, when due.

$50 to Isaac Van Saun, for services as temporary clerk in City Comptroller's office, for month of November, 1897, when due.

$4.09 to James N. Braden, for costs in suit, Mayor, etc., of Jersey City vs. Lynch; dispossession (18,390), District Court.

$34.73 to George B. Fielder, for recording city deeds; chargeable $32.26 to "Martin Act" account and $2.47 to special school sites account.

(Chargeable to Martin Act account.)

$12 to M. A. Lennon for taking testimony in the matter of the application of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for the condemnation of lands of Thomas F. Murphy.

$16.80 to M. A. Lennon for taking testimony in the matter of the application of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for the condemnation of lands of Alice McGrath.

$92.50 to the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co. for guaranty of title, property on Johnston and Manning avenues, purchased by city for school site.

$105.07 to the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co. for guaranty of title, property on Storm avenue, purchased for school site.

$95.50 to the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co. for guaranty of title, property on Graham street and Boulevard, purchased by the city for school site.

$9.86 to George B. Fielder, for registering city deeds.

(Chargeable to special school site account.)

$229.16 to The Evening Journal Association, for publishing official minutes in November, 1897.

$229.16 to The Jersey City News, for publishing official minutes in November, 1897.

(Chargeable to account publishing minutes.)

$34.50 to Henry Gaykema, for services as expert, giving testimony in case Kiernan vs. City Hall Commissioners.

$44 to James Gaykema, for services as expert, giving testimony in case Kiernan vs. City Hall Commissioners.

$8 to George P. Bullis, for services as expert, giving testimony in case Kiernan vs. City Hall Commissioners.

$307.50 to L. H. Broome, for services in case of Kiernan vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City (City Hall Commissioners).

90c. to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service to Mayor's office, in October, 1897.

35c. to Postal Tel. Cable Co., for messenger service for October, 1897, City Comptroller's office.

$10.75 to Wyckoff, Seamans & Benedict, for repairs to typewriter and supplies, City Comptroller's office.

(Chargeable to account claims 1896-1897.)

$216 to John J. Nevin, for fees as Judge to First Criminal Court, July, 1897.

$144 to James F. Norton, for fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court, July, 1897.

(Chargeable to account fees, First Criminal Court.)

$57 to William P. Douglass, for fees, as Judge of Second Criminal Court, for month of November, 1896.

$57 to William P. Douglass, for fees as Judge of Second Criminal Court, for December, 1896.

$27 to William P. Douglass for fees as Judge Second Criminal Court, for January, 1897.

$105 to William P. Douglass for fees as Judge Second Criminal Court, for month of April, 1897.

$96 to William P. Douglass for fees as Judge Second Criminal Court (bill of May 8, 1897).

$18 to J. Herbert Potts, Judge Second Criminal Court, for trying cases, under act, 1895.

$108 to J. Herbert Potts for fees as Judge Second Criminal Court, bill of August 1, 1897.

$12 to Frank J. Higgins for fees as Clerk Second Criminal Court, bill of May 15, 1897.

$72 to Frank J. Higgins for fees as Clerk Second Criminal Court, bill of August 1, 1897.

(Chargeable to account "Fees from Second Criminal Court.")

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported, recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the salaries of the Mayor and others for the month of November, 1897, when due, amounting to $4,691.64.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$73.50 to Albert Datz, stationery, etc., for City Treasurer.

$11.50 to Albert Datz, stationery, etc, for City Comptroller.

$42.09 to James B. Hill, stationery, etc., for City Collector.

$34 to James B. Hill, stationery, etc., for City Collector.

$65 to James B. Hill, account books, etc., for City Collector.

$51.75 to J. W. Harrison, for maps, stationery, etc., for City Collector.

(Chargeable to account claims 1896-1897.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, On the second day of August, 1897, the city did receive the sum of $69.90 for the redemption of lot 14, Block 413, Franklin street, sold January 5, 1869, to Benjamin F. Welsh, for unpaid taxes for the year 1866, amounting to $13.23; and

Whereas, On the second day of August, 1897, the city also received the sum of $65.50 for the redemption of Lot 14, Block 413, Franklin street, sold January 5, 1869, for the unpaid taxes for the year 1867, amounting to $12.40, to the same party; and

Whereas, By statement made in application of Henry C. Nichols, administrator of Benjamin F. Welsh, deceased, that the certificates of tax sales have been lost; now therefore

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Henry C. Nichol, administrator of Benjamin F. Welsh, deceased, for the sum of $135.40, to pay said administrator the amount paid into the City Treasury on August 2, 1897, for the redemption of lot 14, Block 413, Franklin street; said warrant to be delivered by the City Clerk upon the filing with the City Comptroller of a bond of indemnity for double the amount of said warrant, which said bond shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel of Jersey City.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer to general claims account, 1896-1897, all the unexpended balances in the appropriations to the credit of the Board of Aldermen, for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $2,500, in favor of Allan L. McDermott, to pay claim in that amount, for professional services in the matter of litigation concerning validity of Chapter 28, Laws of 1897, presented to this Board September 28, 1897, said amount to be paid out of the proceeds of sale of bonds to the amount of $2,500, ordered to be issued and sold by resolution of November 3, 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen have, by resolution adopted April 20, 1897, requested this Board to appropriate the sum of $241.81 for the purpose of paying claims for lighting old City Hall, from December 1, 1896, to January 18, 1897 (amount not provided for in the tax levy of 1896-1897),

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the sum of $241.81 for payment of said claims, and in order to provide said amount the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of $241.81, at a rate of interest not exceeding 4% per annum, to be set aside by the City Comptroller for the use of the Board of Aldermen for the purposes above mentioned, and that the said amount be placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the balance accruing to the credit of appropriations for wiring stations ($111) and the balance to the credit of Committee on Hospital and Dispensaries ($128.20) to the credit of "General Claims" account, fiscal year 1896-1897, account Board of Police Commissioners.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the request of the City Comptroller to continue the services of

Isaac Van Saun as clerk in his office, at the pleasure of the Board, at a salary of $60 per month, be granted, and that the employment of said Isaac Van Saun be and is hereby confirmed; salary to be paid out of "Martin Act" account.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That supplemental to the resolution adopted by this Board at its meeting held October 27, 1897, to wit:—

"Whereas, A further requisition having been made by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, by resolution adopted October 25, 1897, for the sum of $10,000, to liquidate claims for advertising, etc., on account of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., of the Laws of 1895, the amount heretofore appropriated to the said Board of Street and Water Commissioners having been expended; therefore

"Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby appropriates the sum of $10,000 to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to be used in paying claims for advertising, etc., under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., Laws of 1895, etc."

Resolved, That the Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to set aside the sum of $3,000 of the $10,000 therein appropriated as a separate fund to be used in paying claims for engineering and surveyor, contracted by the Chief Engineer under the authority of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners in the operation of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., of the Laws of 1895, and in the carrying out of the proposed plan of reorganizing the Departments of Engineering and Survey, as suggested by Chief Engineer L. D. Fowler; and

Resolved. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the City Comptroller and to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be authorized to borrow $27,792.48 on bonds to be issued in anticipation of the redemption of lands bought by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, at the sale of the City Collector, made November 1, 1897, of lands for unpaid adjusted taxes, assessments and water rents; said bonds to be payable at the option of the city with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable with the bonds, and the proceeds to be applied for the certificates of sale of the property purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen at said sales; and

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the City Collector for the sum of $27,792.48, in payment of certificates of sale of the property purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, at sale of lands for unpaid adjusted taxes, assessments and water rents, sold November 1, 1897, as per schedule annexed:—

Block.	Lot.	Amount.
421	6, 7	$2,347 83
569	7, 8	808 10
569	9	466 19
1325-1326	11, 12	251 86
1325-1326	13 to 22	1,031 56
1325-1326	10	133 48
1325-1326	8, 9	246 67
1325-1326	3	140 40
1325-1326	73 to 85	1,403 19
1321	24 to 38	1,525 36
1321	42 to 46	529 11
1327	1	91 41
1327	2, 3	250 59
1372	2	547 05
1372	3	998 48
1372	4, 5	1,830 81
492	2, 3	2,272 69
461	28, "27	2,332 12
494	1	2,011 04
341	A, B, C, D	1,636 87
476	J, K	2,535 45
704½	"A 1/1	144 19
704	21 to 28	384 25
704 2/—	"A 2/—	144 19
591-2024	63, 64	131 75
591-2024	7, 8	131 75
563-1966	D	230 12
190-192-1833	5	251 20
140-1893	31	227 42
494	20	232 98
715	2, 3	175 73
710	14	104 18
710	15 to 17	261 76
708	18, 19	174 14
708	20 to 23	401 30
1296	7	184 70
704½	"A	1,010 02
982	4	15 75
641-1765	Rear parts F to M	52 60
704	15, 16, 17,	144 19
Total		$27,792 48

The following resolutions were also presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Midlige—4.

Nays—None.

Excused from voting—Mr. Simpson—1.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, This Board, on the 20th day of October, 1897, did grant the petition of James F. McCabe, attorney of J. B. Ginocchio for the refund of $60.25, being amount paid in purchase of lot 18, Block H; lot 26, Block 165; lots 1 and 2, Block 158, and lot 4, Block 142, sold for unpaid taxes of City of Hudson for 1868, and which property is it impossible to locate; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of James F. McCabe, attorney of J. B. Ginocchio, for $161.93, being $60.25 paid by said J. B. Ginocchio in purchase of property as above, and $101.68 for interest from September 7, 1869, to date, and that the said amount be delivered by the City Clerk only upon the surrender of the certificates of sale.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, At a tax sale held by the City of Hudson on September 7, 1869, J. B. Ginocchio became purchaser of property known as part of lot 2, on west side of Bergenwood avenue, in Block 150, and assessed to Wm. Bloomfield, and for which purchase the said J. B. Ginocchio paid the sum of $12.01; and

Whereas, It is impossible to locate the property so purchased; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. B. Ginocchio for $32.19, to return $12.01, amount paid by him to purchase property known as part of lot 2, on west side of Bergenwood avenue, in block 150, assessed to Wm. Bloomfield, said lot containing 2,000 square feet of land, sold by the City of Hudson at sale September 7, 1869, and $20.18, being interest at the rate of 6% per annum, from September 7, 1869, to date, the purchaser of the above-named property being unable to locate the property bought by him at the sale mentioned; and

Resolved, That the said warrant be delivered only by the City Clerk upon the surrender of certificate of sale.

Mr. Midlige moved that the resolution adopted by this Board on November 3, 1897, ordering returned certain moneys to Nathaniel E. Smith, paid in purchase of property sold at tax sale of the city, be rescinded.

Adopted by the votes of all the members of the Board, five (5) in number, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President.

Messrs. Locke and Waite (who were present at the meeting), representing the G. A. R. organization, asked leave to be heard in the matter of dismissal of Albert Payne, Marshal of Second District Court.

The privilege of the floor was granted to the gentlemen and they informed the Board that they were appointed by the G. A. R. organization as a committee to wait upon the Board of Finance and request said Board to have the said Mr. Albert Payne, a veteran of the late war, reinstated into the place from which he was removed by the Board.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Simpson and Bailey a committee to look into the matter of Mr. Payne's dismissal.

Mr. Simpson moved that when the Board adjourns it be to meet on Saturday, November 27, 1897, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

The Board then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Saturday, November 27, 1897, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of busines was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following communications were presented, received and they were each referred to the Board of Tax Commissioners:—

From John S. De Hart, relative to assessment for taxes on personal property.

From Mrs. H. B. Kitchel, relative to assessment for taxes on personal property.

From John E. Stevens, relative to assessment for taxes on personal property.

From F. W. Pangborn, relative to assessment for taxes on personal property.

From C. P. Opdyke, relative to assessment for taxes on personal property.

From D. W. J. Mahoney, relative to assessment for taxes on personal property.

From James Breslin, petition for the return of $19 paid for a permit to lay a 15-inch private sewer in Fifteenth street, which sewer was never constructed.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following communication was received from John L. Keller, attorney of James S. Erwin:—

Jersey City N. J., Nov. 27, 1897.

To the Board of Finance and Taxation, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Gentlemen—Referring to the claim of James S. Erwin against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, concerning which a letter was addressed to you on July 7 last, I desire to make the following additional statement:—

There was a warrant ordered drawn in the matter for the sum of $1,122.23, the amount mentioned in said letter, but up to this date it is not yet ready for delivery. By reason of the delay attending to the matter it was thought best to proceed regularly with the action, which was on the calendar of the present term of the court. Judgment was obtained in favor of the plaintiff and against the city, and duly entered in the New Jersey Supreme Court, on October 30, 1897, for $1,102.62; the costs taxed thereon amount to $76.03. The statement at this date, therefore, stands as follows:—

To judgment entered October 30, 1897	$1,102 62
To interest from October 30, 1897, to November 27, 1897.....	5 00
To costs taxed in N. J. Supreme Court	76 03
To costs taxed in N. J. Court of Errors	43 58
Total	$1,227 23

It will thus be seen that the amount now due exceeds the amount of the warrant order drawn by over one hundred dollars. It seems only fair, therefore, to ask your Honorable Board to pass a new resolution and rescind the former resolution, or to take such other action as may be equitable in the matter.

Very respectfully,

JOHN L. KELLER,

Attorney of Plaintiff, James S. Erwin.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Application of Mary S. Elliott for deed for lot 224, block 658, James street (sale No. 3105), at sale made by City Collector October 18, 1892.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received, and they were referred to their appropriate committees:—

George B. Fielder, $87.34; N. J. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., $18 and $114.50; John J. Nevin, $96, $156, $57 and $117; James F. Norton, $64, $104 and $78; James B. Hill, $27, $28, $235 and $94.90; Fred. Hartman, $20; Martin Finck, $6.25; S. H. Smith, $16.50; John J. O'Hara, $206.50; Wagner Typewriter Co., $105; Albert Datz, $400 and $10.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Board of Education.—

Resolution (adopted November 11, 1897), That the Board of Finance be and they are hereby requested to appropriate to the use of this Board the sum of $1,000, this sum to be devoted to the payment of the salaries of the four additional teachers required by the enlargement of School No. 23, for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1897.

Referred to the Committete on Finance.

From H. H. Abernethy, President of Board of Police Commissioners, forwarding a copy of new manual recently adopted by said Board.

Ordered placed on file.

From the Board of Fire Commissioners:—

Resolutions (adopted November 19, 1897), That the Board of Finance be and is hereby requested to transfer the sum of five hundred dollars from credit salary account to credit of claim account, fiscal year, 1896-1897.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Board of Aldermen:—

Resolution (adopted November 23, 1897), That the preamble and resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners on November 22, be and the same are hereby concurred in by this Board, requesting the Board of Finance to set aside the sum of two thousand ($2,000) dollars to immediately repair the sewer in Montgomery street, between Hudson and Greene streets.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Board of Tax Commissioners:—

Resolution, (adopted November 23, 1897), Whereas, the Clerk of this Board having reported that the Hon. Board of Finance is now in session; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby instructed to transmit said books into the custody of the Board of Finance.

Ordered placed on file.

From the Board of Tax Commissioners:—

Resolution, (adopted November 23, 1897). That the Clerk of this Board be requested to notify the Hon. Board of Finance that the tax levy for the year 1897-1898 is now ready and awaiting their confirmation.

Ordered placed on file.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, November 23, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance, Jersey City.

Gentlemen—For the proper transaction of the public business I require an assistant messenger, and in accordance with Chapter 127, Laws of 1889, I hereby appoint Robert Jordan as assistant messenger for three months commencing December 1, 1897, subject to your concurrence.

Yours truly,

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Ordered placed on file.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, Nov. 23, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—Enclosed you will find an invitation from the Executive Committee to join the League, which was recently founded

To join the League I believe it would cost the city $50 per annum. Whatever action your Honorable Board may see fit to take in this matter will meet with my approval.

Very respectfully,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Referred to Committee of the Whole.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the salaries of laborers on meters for the month of November, 1897, when due, amounting to $540.

(Adopted November 22, 1897.)

2. Ordeing paid the salaries of Water Registrar, etc., for the month of November, 1897, when due, amounting to $2,993.31.

(Adopted November 22, 1897.)

3. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on property situate in Block 660, Bergen district, known as "Plot Orient avenue," assessed to Thomas F. Weathered & Sons, 1891-1897 (both inclusive).

(Adopted November 22, 1897.)

4. Awarding to the Barber Asphalt Paving Co. the contract for the improvement of Fairview avenue, from Bergen avenue to Hudson Boulevard (estimated cost of improvement, $5,932.20).

(Adopted November 22, 1897.)

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted November 22, 1897.)

The following resolution was also presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

6. Requesting Board of Finance to appropriate $2,000 to immediately repair sewer in Montgomery street, between Hudson and Greene streets, an emergency case.

(Adopted November 22, 1897.)

Under a suspension of the rules the following resolution was presented and received:—

By President Brautigam:—

Resolved, That the tax levy made and all the taxes assessed by the Board of Tax Commissioners of Jersey City for the year 1897 and 1898, transcripts of which have this day been filed in book form with this Board, be and the same are hereby confirmed on this 27th day of November, 1897, at 11:10 o'clock A. M., and that the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to deliver the same to the City Collector for collection.

The resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then took a recess for five minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board all the members of the Board were present, five (5) in number.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the regular order of business was then resumed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lot 224, Block 658, James street, being property purchased by the city has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to Mary S. Elliott, or her assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances for the sum of $149.83, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and cost to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the

city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the votes of all the members of the Board, five (5) in number.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on property situate in Block 660, Bergen district, known as "Plot Orient avenue," assessed to Thos. F. Weathered & Sons, for the years 1891-1897 (both inclusive).

(Adopted November 22, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of Water Registrar, etc., and laborers on meters, for the month of November, 1897, when due, as per payrolls.

(Adopted November 22, 1897.)

3. Awarding to the Barber Asphalt Paving Company, the contract for the improvement of Fairview avenue, from Bergen avenue to the Hudson Boulevard. (Estimated cost of the improvement, $5,952.20.)

(Adopted November 22, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid the following claims:—

November 1, 1897:—

Wagner Typewriter Company, $45.

November 22, 1897:—

Charles Both, $480 and $310; J. W. Cummings, $89.44; Patrick Sherry, $28; C. Steck & Co., $75.35; United Gas Improvement Company, $4.80, $2.70 and $7.50; F. P. Woodcock, $9.50.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims rerported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$16.50 to S. H. Smith, for car fare, paid in serving papers, etc., in personal tax cases.

$11 to Robert Lightfoot, for copying transcript of evidence taken in case of Jarvis et al. vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City et al. (Erie R. R. track elevation certiorari).

(Chargeable to account claims, 1896-1897.)

$140 to James F. Norton, for fees as Clerk to Second Criminal Court, bill, July 1, 1897.

$78 to James F. Norton, for fees as Clerk to Second Criminal Court, bill, August, 1897.

$104 to James F. Norton, for fees as Clerk, Second Criminal Court, for September, 1897.

$64 to James F. Norton, for fees as Clerk, Second Criminal Court, for October, 1897.

$117 to John J. Nevin, for fees as Judge, Second Criminal Court, for August, 1897.

$156 to John J. Nevin, for fees as Judge Second Criminal Court, for September, 1897.

$96 to John J. Nevin, for fees as Judge, Second Criminal Court, for October, 1897.

(Chargeable to account fees, Second Criminal Court.)

$57 to John J. Nevin, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court, May 1 to May 15, 1897.

$120 to James F. Norton, for fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court, bill, April 3, 1897.

(Chargeable to account fees, First Criminal Court.)

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$40 to Albert Datz, for postage stamps, City Collector.

$400 to Albert Datz, for postage stamps, City Collector.

$10 to Albert Datz, for stationery supplies to Board of Finance.

$206.50 to John J. O'Hara, for postage stamps and wrapers, City Comptroller.

$94.90 to James B. Hill, for stationery supplies for City Collector.

$28 to James B. Hill, for stationery to City Collector.

$27 to James B. Hill, for furnishing book for water account to City Comptroller, to order.

$105 to Wagner Typewriter Company, 1 Underwood Typewriter, No. 1,132, with baseboard cover, and table for Board of Finance.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By President Brautigam:—

Whereas, The City Collector, in his communication received this day has notified the Board of Finance that he has appointed Robert Jordan as an assistant messenger in his office, in accordance with

Chapter 127 of the Laws of 1889, at a salary of $40 per month, to serve for three months, commencing with December 1, 1897.

Resolved, That the appointment of Robert Jordan by the City Collector as assistant messenger in the City Collector's office for the term of three months, beginning with December 1, 1897, at a monthly salary of $40 be and the same is hereby consented to by the Board of Finance.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, As appears by the order of Hon. Job H. Lippincott, Justice of Supreme Court of N. J., received by this Board on November 12, 1897, that Cornelius J. Cronan and Isaac Romaine, the two Commissioners appointed to appraise the lands and assess the damages of Alice McGrath, have made a report awarding to the said Alice McGrath, a sum named therein as her damages, which report has been filed in the County Clerk's office, and that the said Judge Lippincott (upon application made on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City to tax and allow the fees of the said Commissioners), did tax and allow to each of said Commissioners the sum of fifty dollars ($50), to be paid by Jersey City; therefore

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Cornelius J. Cronan and Isaac Romaine for $50 each to pay for services rendered as Commissioners appointed to appraise the lands and assess the damages of Alice McGrath, and that said sums be paid out of moneys appropriated to pay for school house sites.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of five hundred dollars ($500) from the credit of "Salary Account" to the credit of "Claims Account," fiscal year 1896-1897 (Board of Fire Commissioners).

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to be deposited to the credit of December, 1897, interest as follows:—

On General Account	$13,500 00
On General Account to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	21,000 00
On Water Account	8,750 00
Total	$43,250 00

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, As appears by the order of Hon. Job H. Lippincott, Justice of Supreme Court of N. J., received by this Board on November 12, 1897, that Moritz Hammerschlag, James F. Gannon and Martin J. Bonner, the three Commissioners appointed to appraise the lands and assess the damages of Thomas F. Murphy, have made a report awarding to the said Thomas F. Murphy a sum named therein as his damages, which report has been filed in the County Clerk's office, and that said Judge Lippincott (upon application made on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City to tax and allow the fees of the said Commissioners) did tax and allow to each of said Commissioners the sum of fifty dollars ($50), to be paid by Jersey City; therefore

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Moritz Hammerschlag, James F. Gannon and Martin J. Bonner for $50 each, to pay for services rendered as Commissioners appointed to appraise the land and assess the damages of Thomas F. Murphy, and that said sums be paid out of moneys appropriated to pay for school house sites.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Board of Education have by resolution adopted November 11, 1897, requested the Board of Finance to appropriate the sum of $1,600 for the payment of the salaries of the four additional teachers required by the enlargement of School No. 23, for the fiscal year beginning December 1, 1897; therefore

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the sum of $1,600 to the Board of Education to pay the salaries of the four additional teachers required, as above cited, and in order to provide said

sum the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow on one or more temporary loan bonds the sum of $1,600, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 per cent. per annum, which amount is hereby ordered set aside by the City Comptroller to pay the salaries of the additional teachers, hereinbefore mentioned; and

Resolved, That the said sum of $1,600 be and is hereby ordered placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to transfer from Adjusted Lien Account, collections made June 30, 1897, to November 24, 1897, as follows:—

To Water Account	$2,316 49	Adjusted Water Rents.
To Assessment Account	5,647 19	Adjusted Assessment.
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1891	5,953 59	Adjusted Taxes, 1891.
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1892	7,119 06	Adjusted Taxes, 1892.
To General Account	324 00	Tax Sale Advertising Fees.
To General Account	5,562 01	Adjusted Taxes, 1894.
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890	5,983 39	Adjusted Taxes, 1890.
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1893	6,485 11	Adjusted Taxes, 1893.
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889	3,884 28	Adjusted Taxes, 1889.
To General Account	242 88	Adjusted Taxes, 1895.
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888	2,034 28	Adjusted Taxes, 1888.
To Tax Arrearage Fund	6,486 45	Adjusted Taxes, 1875 to 1887.
To Tax Arrearage Fund	8,603 94	Interest on Adjusted Taxes.
To Fund, 1873	378 47	Adjusted Taxes, 1873 and 1874.
To Fund, 1873	837 69	Adjusted Taxes, 1872, and Previous Years.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners did, at its meeting held on November 22, 1897, adopt the following preamble and resolutions:—

"Whereas, The necessity exists for the immediate repairing of the sewer in Montgomery street, between Hudson and Greene streets; and

"Whereas, The exigencies of the case are that the beginning of such work should be immediately instituted; and

"Whereas, In the opinion of this Board a sufficient emergency exists for the proceeding with such repairs without delay incident to the advertising for proposals for the doing of the work;

"Resolved, That the Committee on Streets and Sewers of this Board be and is hereby authorized to immediately proceed to repair said sewer between the points specified; and further

"Resolved, That the Board of Finance be requested to set aside for the use of this Board the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000) for the purpose indicated;" and

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen of Jersey City did concur in the above preamble and resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, at its meeting held on November 23, 1897, as required by Section 53 of Chapter 315, Laws of 1897; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby appropriates to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) to pay for the repairing of the sewer in Montgomery street, between Hudson and Greene streets; this appropriation being made in compliance with the request of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, as embodied in the preamble and resolutions above cited; and further

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance of this Board are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of $2,000 on one or more temporary loan bonds, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 per cent. per annum, which amount shall be set aside for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, for repairing the sewer above mentioned, and that the sum of $2,000 be placed in the next tax levy.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That upon the reports of the Corporation Counsel and City Comptroller endorsed upon the petition of Charles B. Hughes, attorney, a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Charles B. Hughes, attorney for Linsley Rowe, assignee in bankruptcy of Jay L. Adams, bankrupt, for seven hundred and sixty-four dollars and ninety-one cents ($764.91) for amount of surplus realized upon the tax sale, under Chapter 112 of the Laws of 1886, and the supplements thereto, made by the City Collector, on October 25, 1894, of lot 20A, Block 523, Willow court, over and above the sum as adjusted due the city, with interest cost and disbursements.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, This Board did, by resolution adopted at the meeting held on September 1, 1897, ordered a warrant drawn in favor of Thomas F. Murphy in the sum of $8,500 in payment for all those certain lots, pieces and parcels of lands situate, lying and being in Jersey City, Hudson county, N. J., and which on map entitled "Official Assessment Map of Jersey City, N. J. 1894, L. D. Fowler, Surveyor," are known as lots Nos. 5, 6 and 7, in block No. 714, on Palisade avenue; and

Whereas, The Commissioners appointed by the Court in the matter of the application of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jer-

sey City, for the condemnation of lands of Thomas F. Murphy, for a Public School site, have awarded to said Thomas F. Murphy the sum of $9,600;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Thomas F. Murphy, the owner, in the sum of $1,100, in addition to the warrant in the sum of $8,500, ordered drawn on September 1, 1897, in his favor, in full payment for the above mentioned lots Nos. 5, 6 and 7, in block 714, on Palisade avenue; the warrants as aforesaid not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed vesting the title of the said property in the city, free and clear of all encumbrance, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have been first filed.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, December 1, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the adjourned regular meeting, November 17, 1897, at 1 P. M.; regular meeting, November 17, 1897, and adjourned regular meeting of November 27, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and disposed of as follows:—

Petition of F. Herterich for the return of $80 paid as deposit in purchase of land at sale held June 23, 1897.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of C. Gullberg for the readjustment of personal taxes.

Petition of J. S. Palmitier, relative to assessment for personal taxes.

Referred to the Board of Tax Commissioners.

CLAIMS.

T. Y. Brown, $71; John J. Nevin, $159; John J. O'Hara, $82; A. J. Doan, $10.50; John A. Nugent, $150.35 and $2.50; George B. Fielder, $19.10; The N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., $1,806.95.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Ravine Road Sewer Commission:—

Jersey City, Dec. 1, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—I herewith submit to you, as required by the statute, requisition for third payment of Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine Road sewer extension, in acordance with the estimate of the engineer, amounting to the sum of ten thousand, two hundred and eighty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents ($10,281.28).

Attached to the requisition is a certified copy of the Engineer's estimate.

Respectfully,

E. W. HARRISON,

President Ravine Road Sewer Commission

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Awarding to the New Jersey Mexican Asphalt Co. the contract for the improvement of Forest street, from Jackson avenue to Bergen avenue (estimated cost, $7,290.08).

(Adopted November 29, 1897.)

2. Awarding to James Manix the contract to construct a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Bergen avenue from a point about 25 feet south of Fulton avenue, and from about 20 feet north of Cedar street, to and connecting with the sewer in Walker avenue (estimated cost, $1,204.56).

(Adopted November 29, 1897.)

3. Awarding to Edward O'Donnell the contract for the improvement of Griffith street, from the east side of Milton avenue to Hudson Boulevard (estimated cost, $3,457.33).

(Adopted November 29, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted November 29, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Awarding to Edward O'Donnell the contract for the improvement of Griffith street, from the east side of Milton avenue to Hudson Boulevard (estimated cost, $3,457.33).

(Adopted November 29, 1897.)

2. Awarding to the New Jersey Mexican Asphalt Co. the contract for the improvement of Forest street, from Jackson avenue to Bergen avenue (estimated cost, $7,290.08).

(Adopted November 29, 1897.)

3. Awarding to James Manix the contract to construct a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Bergen avenue, from a point about 25 feet south of Fulton avenue, and from a point about 20 feet north of Cedar street, to and connecting with the sewer in Walker avenue (estimated cost, $1,204.56).

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellars, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby non-concurs in so much of the following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, November 29, 1897, as refers to the payment of the following claim:—

Charles L. Davis, for one cord of wood (cut 10 inch blocks) delivered to Pipe Yard, $12.

For the reason that the price is excessive.

The report was received and the resolution therein contained was adopted and the claim referred to was non-concurred in by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$142 to Frank J. Higgins, for fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court (bill, September 24, 1897).

$112 to Frank J. Higgins, for fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court, for month of September, 1897.

$114 to Frank J. Higgins, for fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court, for month of October, 1897.

$201 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, August 11, 1896).

$180 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, September 9, 1896).

$162 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, October 12, 1896).

$165 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, December 19, 1896).

$111 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, January 18, 1897).

$135 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, February 18, 1897).

$180 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, April 3, 1897).

$144 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, June 1, 1897).

$204 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, June 30, 1897).

$213 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, September 24, 1897).

$168 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, November 11, 1897).

$171 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court (bill, November 11, 1897).

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The veto of His Honor the Mayor of resolution of this Board, adopted November 3, 1897, concurring in resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of October 18, 1897, adopting the specifications for a new water supply and a supply of filtered water and authorizing the advertising for bids, which veto was received by the Board of Finance at its meeting held November 17, 1897, and laid over until this meeting, and the same was taken up for consideration on motion of Mr. Simpson.

President Brautigam, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, to which committee the subject matter of the Mayor's veto was referred, presented the following report, and on motion of Mr. Simpson the report was received and adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Excused from voting—Mr. Midlige—1.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 1, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred the communication of His Honor the Mayor, dated November 15, 1897, vetoing the resolution unanimously adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and concurred in by the unanimous vote of your Board, approving the specifications for a new water supply for Jersey City, would respectfully report that it has considered the veto and the specifications with the greatest care, and advises that no action be taken by your Board upon the same. Your committee has arrived at this conclusion for the reason that it believes that it would be futile at this time to override the veto. The Board of Street and Water Commissioners have ignored the communication, and your committee favors similar action on the part of your Board. Your committee, however, feels that it is due your Board and its members that the public should be made acquainted with the effect that the adoption of the recommendations made by the Chief Executive would have upon the water matter, and the reasons why this Board has arrived at the conclusion that the less alteration made in the specifications as at present constituted, the better for the interests of the city.

WHAT THE SPECIFICATIONS PROVIDED.

The specifications as prepared and submitted to the Mayor provided three plans for supplying the city.

Plan A was for a plant of fifty million gallons (50,000,000) daily capacity. The water to be delivered by a single pipe at High Service, 210 feet above tide water.

Plan B provided for a plant from which the city would have the right to draw seventy (70) million gallons of water daily; the works at the outset were to have thirty-five (35) million gallons capacity, with a single pipe line; the water to be delivered at the High Service Pumping Station at an elevation of 210 feet

above tide water. When the city approached the limit of supply provided at the outset, a second pipe was to be laid, and the capacity of the works increased to seventy (70) million gallons daily, one-half of which, the last thirty-five million gallons, would then be delivered at the High Service Station at an elevation of 127 feet.

Inasmuch as the city is required to pump only four (4) or five (5) million gallons at High Service daily, and as the first thirty-five (35) million gallons by this plan would be delivered at a head sufficient to do away with pumping (viz.: 210 feet above tide water) and the second thirty-five million gallons would be delivered at a head sufficient to serve all other parts of the city without pumping (viz.: 127 feet above tide), it will be readily seen that this plan is as beneficial to the city in the matter of doing away with pumping as Plan A, and in addition guards the city against the possible necessity of again going to the water syndicates for additional water and water rights in the near future.

In addition, this plan, guaranteed a complete supply of seventy (70) million gallons daily instead of fifty (50) millions as Plan A provided, but in such a way that the city would enjoy the benefits of a supply of thirty-five million gallons daily, and when its needs increase and financial condition warrants, it would be in a position to command a supply and plant of a capacity of seventy million gallons daily.

Plan C provided for a plant from which the city would have the right to draw seventy million gallons daily; the works to be built first with one pipe of thirty-five (35) million gallons daily capacity, to be increased whenever required by the city, by building a second pipe of an additional thirty-five million gallons daily capacity; all the water to be delivered to the High Service Reservoirs, but not at an elevation sufficient to do away with pumping. The intention being to continue pumping the small quantity used in that district as at present.

His Honor's objections to these plans seem to be aimed first, at any plan which does not deliver the whole supply, without pumping, at High Service, notwithstanding that the city does not use more than one-fifth of its supply at that elevation; secondly, at any plan which permits of the exercise of great economy by building works at first just sufficient for the city's needs, such works to be afterwards increased when the city shall be in a better financial condition. That is, he condemns Plan B, which gives all the advantage of High Service delivery and the economy of gradual construction of the works as "absolutely worthless."

PRESENT CONDITIONS — EVIL OF LIMITING BIDDING TO PLAN (A).

Let us look a moment at the conditions which now prevail as to sources of supply. It is well known that under a decision of the Supreme Court the city has no power to condemn or take any waters which are tributary to the Morris Canal. The East Jersey Water Company which controls the Morris Canal, therefore has an absolute monopoly of the Rockaway River above Boonton, the only source which lies entirely within the State of New Jersey, and which is high enough to be economically delivered to the city at High Service. It may be possible to obtain such a supply just below Boonton, but the disposal of the sewerage of that city and the towns above it would be a serious problem for the contractors, and ultimately for the city. If his Honor's recommendation to confine the bidding entirely to Plan A is adopted, the result will be to put the city absolutely at the mercy of this water company. Plan B which he condemns, gives some opportunity to develop the other sources of supply, and plan C, which delivers all at Low Service, gives a still greater latitude, and allows other sources to come into competition in the bidding. The fact that Plan A was included in the specifications, which plan is extremely favorable to the East Jersey Water Company, seems to indicate that it was intended to give the city the advantage of bids from that company, and give the company an oportunity to make its best offer, but the two other plans prevented any monopoly of the bidding.

To justify his position in attempting to limit the bidding to Plan A, His Honor makes a great bug-bear of High Service pumping. The cost of pumping water to High Service, with good modern machinery and careful administration, need not exceed $12,000 yearly for many years to come, and this represents the interest at 4% on only $300,000; whereas, the opening of competition to bidders less favored than our leading water company might save the city ten times that amount. His Honor quotes Mr. Croes. Let us see what Mr. Croes testified to under oath, in 1896, when he was a witness on the same side as the East Jersey Water Company, in the certiorari proceedings. We find his testimony on page 617 of the printed case:

"Q. What would you say with regard to the requirement that all the water should be delivered at a height of 210 feet above mean high tide? A. I should consider it inexpedient. Q. Why? A. For the reason that the delivery of water at 210 feet above tide in Jersey City by gravity would exclude from consideration and from the possibility of furnishing a supply, several sources of supply, which might be offered; and moreover, that it involved a very great and apparently un-

necessary expenditure in the construction of the works, etc., etc. It would largely increase the cost of any supply."

His Honor also claims that a supply of thirty-five (35) million gallons daily for the city is entirely inadequate. Last year we used twenty-six million gallons daily. Since then we have lost Bayonne, using two million gallons daily, which should reduce the consumption to 24 million gallons daily.

It has many times been urged that the city should reduce consumption by the use of meters, and the prevention of waste and thereby effect the great economy in expenditures so necessary to the city, in order that the Water Department may be made self-sustaining. This step has been urged by practically everyone who has studied the question. Mr. Rafter in his criticisms of the specifications last year claimed that the consumption could be reduced to 17 million gallons daily, or one-half the proposed supply. Mr. Croes testified under oath in the certiorari proceedings, page 621, that to call for fifty (50) million gallons daily was to increase the price to be offered by any bidder,because it would "involve the immediate expenditure of a large sum of money—which the city would not derive any benefit from for a number of years."

His Honor is continually urging economy in all branches of the city government, yet, as already stated, he condemns Plan B, which gives the opportunity for exercising enormous economies, as absolutely worthless.

OPTION TO BUY PLANT.

He further objects to giving the city the option to buy the works as soon as they are completed, urging they should first be tested. It is clear that the inspection clause of the specifications provides fully for inspection of the works and their testing before acceptance by the city. His Honor himself quotes the opinion of Mr. Croes that the specifications are all that can be desired in their provisions for the character of material and workmanship and other engineering features. The most ordinary information as to such contracts is sufficient to satisfy one that the expression of intention to purchase does not compel the city to purchase the works, if they are not up to contract requirements. If they are, and they meet the requirements of the specifications when tested, no amount of waiting thereafter will improve matters. His Honor has repeatedly expressed himself in the past, in favor of municipal ownership of the water works. In his communication of August 16 last, he says that he realizes the necessity for immediate action, and further says, "I wish, however, that it be distinctly understood that I favor municipal ownership."

MAYOR OBJECTS TO ALLOWING PEOPLE TO ORDER PURCHASE.

Now he is the cause of the greatest delay on the ground that the opportunity which is offered the city to purchase immediately should not be entrusted to the people.

TIME TO COMPLETE.

His recommendations to reduce the time for completing the works to two years instead of two years and six months is against all experience. The Newark works, much less difficult than these will be to build, required two years and six months. If His Honor had co-operated with the Boards on their invitation, the city could easily have advertised in time to give the contractor two years and six months before September, 1900, when it will lose the Pequannock supply, and by allowing this extra time for building, a very much lower bid would undoubtedly be received.

PENALTY.

In urging that the penalty be increased from $200 to $1,000 daily, His Honor has probably overlooked the fact, that when the works near completion, the contractor will have invested, and will be paying interest on the whole cost of the works. He will therefore be under the total penalty of $1,000 per day for every day's delay. If the city intended to pay on account during the progress of the work, of course a much larger penalty would be proper; but such payments are impossible. Your committee while satisfied that the penalty now provided for is sufficient will not object to a reasonable increase, in the amount, but cannot consent to recommend the sum of $1,000 per diem. This would make the specifications impossible for unlimited competition.

Next, as to the objection to the section under "abandonment of contract," it must have been made without proper study of the section. Such a clause as this is common to all important contracts. His Honor is entirely wrong in saying that this section means that if the contractor shall abandon the work, the city shall complete it. If the contractor abandons his contract and fails to carry out its provisions, the veriest tyro in the law knows that the contract loses all its force in so far as creating an obligation for the city to perform, and if it chooses to do so, the city can ignore the contract and get water elsewhere. But the clause in question simply gives the city the power and right, if it shall seem most expedient so to do, to take up the unfinished work, and complete it under a new contract; the clause says, "and said Board shall thereupon have power to relet the work, or any part thereof, and to complete the same at the cost and expense of the contractor." The city would then have

exactly the same right to relet or make a new contract for this purpose, that it now has to make an original contract, should it elect so to do then, instead of throwing up the whole contract. In addition the city would have a bond given by the contractor in the sum of five hundred thousand dollars, and should the work be abandoned the bond would be forfeited to the city. In any event the city would be entitled to damages for non-fulfillment of contract equal to the loss it sustains by the delay caused by the failure to complete the works. As a guarantee for the payment of these damages it holds the bonds as already stated.

EFFECT OF CONFINING SOURCE OF SUPPLY.

The suggestion that the source of supply should be entirely within the State of New Jersey if adopted, would again confine all bids to the Rockaway River, which we have seen, coupled with provision for delivery at High Service at an elevation of 210 feet, would leave the city absolutely at the mercy of the East Jersey Water Company. His Honor contends in order to support this proposition, that it is absolutely necessary in order to give power to prevent pollution of the water. The moment that the city begins to draw its supply from any of these streams it becomes a riparian owner of the stream, and the legislatures of all the States are continually enacting very sweeping laws for the protection of their waters from pollution. Moreover the pollution section of the specifications is sufficiently strong to meet that objection.

OBJECTION TO MINIMUM OF (20) MILLION GALLONS.

The objection made by His Honor to fixing the minimum supply which the city agrees to take at 20 million gallons of water daily does not appear to have much force. It would certainly be unwise to compel the city to take more water than it might need, should it institute economies in consumption. We think His Honor does not understand the conditions under which such bids would be made up. The works as planned by the bidder would call for an outlay of a certain amount of money. It is plain that the price per million gallons must be so adjusted as to pay the interest on the cost of the works. This would simply mean a higher price at 20 million gallons and a gradually decreasing price as the amount used by the city increases. The changing of this minimum could have no possible effect on the cost to the city, if the city should use 25 or 26 million gallons daily. The price would be determined entirely as we have stated, and would not be any more for 25 million gallons, with a minimum of twenty, than it would be for twenty-five million gallons, with a minimum of twenty-five million gallons.

RIGHT OF WAY.

As to the width of right of way, certainly a copy of the Newark contract, which is now a public document, printed and accessible to everybody, should have been consulted by His Honor the Mayor before making such criticism. There is no width named in the Newark contract, but the East Jersey Water Company allowed that city thirty-three feet.

This right of way must not only be sufficient to allow at least two pipes and provide for slopes of cuts and embankments, but it should also provide an ample roadway for delivering material, room for gate houses, and sufficient room to allow a new pipe at any time in the future when it shall be necessary to replace one or both pipes when in use. There should be talent enough in Jersey City, at least with the assistance of two experts to determine this necessary width without appealing to the city officials of Newark, who had it determined for them by the contractors (the East Jersey Water Company).

The uniform scaling of the maps submitted is hardly necessary—if the scale be ten miles to the inch it is as easy to follow as if it were but one mile to the inch.

The natural deduction from the line of reasoning followed out by your committee, in considering the objections of His Honor the Mayor, is then, that to adopt his suggestions would result in the main in placing the city absolutely at the mercy of one of the water companies. We would suggest that it is our own experience that the only company now in a position to complete the works in the time suggested by him according to Plan A, which he aproves, with a right of way for a pipe line already owned by them, of a width less than required by the specifications heretofore adopted, running from a point within easy distance of the Rockaway shed, into the city of Newark, and, in fact, to the Belleville Water Works, the only organized company able to meet with composure the penalty clause of one thousand dollars per diem, the company which has always objected to the anti-pollution clauses, and any freedom of scope in the location of reservoirs, is the one now furnishing the city with the temporary supply.

Your committee cannot and will not believe that the Mayor realized the effect his veto would have upon this matter, or it would not have been signed by him. It is with sincere regret that your committee view this new imposition which has been practiced upon him. Your committee have been at work upon this matter, and have had to deal with it for several years, he, for a few months.

It is particularly unfortunate that the suggestions made by him in his veto did not occur to him some seventy-five

days ago when these specifications were placed in his hands by the experts employed by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners with the concurrence of your Board and without objection from him, or that he did not make them known to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and your Board when invited by both Boards to do so before their adoption, this is especially unfortunate, in view of the fact that since 1893 the Mayor and the two Boards whether they agreed politically or not, have conferred upon this matter, and have taken action according to the views of a majority of each.

When it is remembered that the present Mayor presided at the first conference called upon this matter and continuously participated in the conferences between the Street and Water Board, the experts and your Board up to the adoption of the specifications, and even then had knowledge that both Boards would only too gladly meet with, consider and canvass the value of his suggestion; his failure to meet with the entire body on the eve of the adoption of the specifications and his apparently suddenly discovered objections after their adoption by both Boards is extremely unfortunate. The delay which has been occasioned by his action is also unfortunate.

His Honor is not ignorant of the cost of delay to the city of its great value to the East Jersey Water Company. In a lengthy communication which he sent to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners on May 29 last he says:—"The last bid of the East Jersey Water Company offered water from the Rockaway River for $35 per million gallons. An option was given to the city to purchase at $7,000,000. If the city should obtain a supply for seven million dollars by gravity, and issue four per cent. bonds to pay for the same, the interest charge would be $280,000 per annum; and if we add forty thousand for operating expenses we have $320,000 per annum, which would make a supply of thirty million gallons daily, costing us only thirty dollars per million gallons, and fifty million gallons would cost us less than $18 per million gallons, and this is for pure water." It will be noticed that the average cost, according to the Mayor's message, of water obtained by a new contract is not likely to exceed $24 per million gallons. The city is now paying $37 per million gallons. The difference represents an enormous loss to the city from every day's unnecessary delay.

In the communication of May 29, to which we have referred, His Honor seeks these conditions clearly, and insists on prompt action to be followed "with all possible speed to the end."

It is pertinent to remark how much we regret that anything should transpire to obscure his then expressed clear vision of what was for the best interests of the city.

In conclusion, your committee would recommend that the suggestion of His Honor the Mayor that "we shall reach an early agreement" be respectfully declined. Your Board may err in declaring in favor of specifications so perfect from the standpoint of fully protecting the interests of the city, as to make a bidding by any company or contractor impossible, but it can never afford to err by adopting specifications so drawn as to make bidding impossible for anyone but one company or contractor.

Your committee would advise the concurrence in the same specifications if again presented, upon adoption by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY BRAUTIGAM,
REUBEN SIMPSON,
H. L. KELLERS,
JAS. S. BAILEY,
Committee of the Whole.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Kellers on behalf of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

Resolved, That the report of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions (relative to the non-concurrence in the resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, adopted November 15, 1897, fixing the salaries of the reassessors, Cable, Freeland, Gildea, Noonan, Fish, Hannon, Sweeney and Rowe, at $75 per month each) presented to the Board of Finance November 17, 1897, and laid over for the further consideration by the said Board, be and the same is hereby ordered returned to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

The resolution was adopted by the votes of all the members of the Board, five (5) in number, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President.

On a suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Simpson, the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners November 15, 1897, to wit:—

"Resolved, That the salaries of the Reassessors, appointed this day, be and are hereby fixed at $75 per month each (Cable, Freeland, Gildea, Noonan, Fish, Hannon, Sweeney and Rowe), provided the term of service of the said Reassessors shall not exceed five (5) months, from December 1, 1897.

The report was received and the resolution therein contained was adopted by

the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, December 8, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adoped by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record the assessment for taxes on Lots A, B and C, in Block 433 Johnston avenue, for the year 1891, for the reason that said assessment is an error, as shown by the certificate of the Tax Commissioner, attached to a petition presented to this Board on October 27, 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and the supplements thereto, and also an act entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, bonds of the city to an amount not exceeding $800,000, be issued in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk of Jersey City, and countersigned by the City Comptroller in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the years 1894, 1895 and 1896;

Resolved, That said bonds be dated January 3, 1898, and be made payable January 1, 1903, in gold coin of the United States of America, of the present standard of weight and fineness, with interest at the rate of not exceeding 4½ per cent. per annum, payable January 1 and July 1 in like gold coin.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Commission for the reconstruction and extension of the Ravine Road sewer, acting under the provisions of "An act to provide for the reconstruction of main outlet sewers heretofore constructed at the joint expense of two cities," approved March 18, 1890 (General Statutes, pages 618, etc.), and the supplements thereto have issued requisitions on this Board for the following bills incurred in the performance of said work;

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the following amounts for the folowing purposes in connection with the work of said Commission:—

1. To Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine Road sewer extension, for the sum of ten thousand, two hundred and eighty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents ($10,281.28), being third payment under his contract.

Resolved, That in order to raise the monies required for such payment the said sum of ten thousand, two hundred and eighty-one dollars and twenty-eight cents ($10,281.28) be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of the assessment to be made for the reconstruction of said sewer, and that bonds of the city under the seal of the city, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and countersigned by the City Comptroller, be issued for that amount in such denominations as may be fixed by the Committee on Finance of this Board, and to be due and payable January 1, 1901, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable half yearly on the first days of January and July in each year; and be it further

Resolved, That said bonds be sold under the direction of the Committee of Finance of this Board, at not less than par and accrued interest, and that the proceeds thereof be appropriated for the payment of the warrant above mentioned; and be it further

Resolved, That all assessments collected upon said improvement, be and they are pledged to the redemption and payment of the bonds issued and to be issued for such payment.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, This Board did adopt, October 6, 1897, the following preamble and resolutions, to wit:—

Whereas, By the judgment of the Court of Errors and Appeals of this State, the judgment heretofore entered in the New Jersey Supreme Court in favor of the City at the suit of James S. Erwin, has been set aside and a new trial ordered; and

Whereas, By the opinion of said Court of Errors and Appeals, the said James S. Erwin, on the facts of the case as decided on the former trial is entitled to the salary of Corporation Attorney for the months of January, February and March, 1894, and for his disbursements as such and the city is desirous of saving the expense of further litigation;

Resolved, That the Corporation Attorney be and he is authorized to enter a relicta in said suit in the New Jersey Supreme Court in favor of said James S. Erwin and against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for the sum of eleven hundred and twenty-two dollars and twenty-three cents ($1,122.23); and further

Resolved, That this Board hereby appro-

priates the sum of $1,122.23 to pay claim of James S. Erwin, being in full settlement of all claims of said James S. Erwin, for services rendered The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City as Corporation Attorney, and in order to raise said sum the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to issue one or more temporary loan bonds in the sum of $1,122.23, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4% per annum, the proceeds from the sale of such bonds to be set aside to liquidate said claim of James S. Erwin, and that the amount of $1,122.23 be placed in the next tax levy; and further

Resolved, That upon the filing of the relicta and entry of judgment, a warrant for $1,122.23 be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John L. Keller, attorney of James S. Erwin, to pay all claims to said James S. Erwin for services rendered as Corporation Attorney; and

Whereas, By reason of delay on the part of The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, in delivering to the said John L. Keller, attorney of James S. Erwin, the warrant as provided for by said resolution of October 6, 1897, said John L. Keller sought best to proceed regularly with the action, which was on the calendar of the present term of the Court; and

Whereas, Judgment was obtained in favor of James S. Erwin and against the City and duly entered in the New Jersey Supreme Court on October 30, 1897, for $1,102.62, the costs taxed thereon amounting to $76.03; therefore

Resolved, That the resolution adopted on October 6, 1897, ordering a warrant drawn for $1,122.23, in favor of John L. Keller, attorney for James S. Erwin, be and the same is hereby rescinded, and the City Clerk be directed to cancel the warrant ordered drawn by said resolution;

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the sum of $1,227.23 to pay the claim of John L. Keller, attorney of James S. Erwin, for services as Corporation Attorney, for the months of January, February and March, 1894, to satisfy judgment against the city, (entered October 30, 1897), and taxed costs and interest as per following statement:—

To judgment entered October 30, 1897	$1,102 62
To interest from October 30, 1897, to November 27, 1897	5 00
To costs taxed in New Jersey Supreme Court	76 03
To costs taxed in New Jersey Court of Errors	43 58
Total	$1,227 23

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of John L. Keller, attorney of James S. Erwin for $1,227.23, to pay the judgment recovered against the city for services rendered to the city as Corporation Attorney, for the months of January, February and March, 1894, and taxed costs and interest as shown by statement heretofore mentioned, and in order to provide the said sum of $1,227.23 the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to issue one or more temporary loan bonds in the sum of $1,227.23 at a rate of interest not to exceed 4% per annum, the proceeds from the sale of the said bond or bonds be set aside by the City Comptroller, to meet the payment of the warrant as aforesaid; and further

Resolved, That the sum of $1,227.23 be and the same is ordered placed in the next tax levy; and

Resolved, That the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed not to deliver the said warrant until a proper satisfaction piece shall have first been filed.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, December 8, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were each disposed of as follows:—

Petition of Nicholas Oland for the return of $11.50 for payment of water rents, in error, for year 1897.

Petition of Otto Koehler, for cancellation of sale and taxes on Lots rear 30 and 31, Block 928-929.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

The following communication was presented and received from Robert Carey, attorney for E. Woolley, and the same was referred to the Corporation Counsel:—

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 7, 1897.

Board of Finance, City Hall, Jersey City.

Gentlemen—On the third day of December I obtained judgment in Hudson Circuit Court for Edward Woolley against the city for $515 and costs.

The basis of the claim was Mr. Woolley's services in connection with the spring election for 1896, which he has not yet been paid. Under the election law the City Clerk is entitled to extra compensation for such services, and ever since the passage of the election law of 1890, the sum of $500 has been appropriated and paid by the city to the City Clerk at each election, with the exception of the spring election of '96. Mr. Woolley's predecessor, Mr. Scott, and his successor, Mr. O'Donnell, received this amount. There was a balance in the election fund of the year in question of over $6,000.

I herewith submit to your Honorable Board a statement of the judgment and costs, and most respectfully ask that a warrant be ordered drawn in payment of the judgment. I am,

Very truly yours,

ROBERT CAREY.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

The Jersey City News, $27 and $50; A. J. Doan, $27; The New Jersey Title Guarantee and Trust Co., $1,257.40; the Evening Journal Association, $229.16; James Atchison, $9.10; James B. Hill, $59 and $22.50; John Underwood & Co., $16.50.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 2, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—I herewith return to your Honorable Board, without my approval, the resolution adopted at your meeting held November 17, 1897, wherein your Committee on Finance is authorized to borrow $27,792.48 on bonds to be issued in anticipation of the redemption of lands bought by the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, at the sale of the City Collector, made November 1, 1897, of lands for unpaid adjusted taxes, assessments and water rents; said bonds to be payable at the option of the city, with interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable with the bonds, and the proceeds to be applied for the certificates of sale of the property purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen at said sale, etc.

I cannot approve of the practice of issuing bonds for property purchased by the city at tax sales. It is so purchased because private parties are not willing to pay their liens for which the property is sold. To make the purchase by the city a basis for increasing our bounded debt is not, in my opinion, commendable. If the law does not compel this course, and I am advised that it does not, it seems the better policy would be to let the purchase stand without further action until the time comes for absolute sale. Resolutions of this kind are but the first step toward the issue of "subsequent tax bonds" concerning which I have already communicated my views to your Board.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Laid over until next regular meeting of Board of Finance.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, December 8, 1897.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—The Board of Street and Water Commissioners having passed, with a single alteration, the specifications for a new water supply recently vetoed, and their resolution being now in your hands, I am induced to notice a report made by four members of your Board and given publication in the daily press. It says that to confine the bidding to Plan "A" would prevent competition with the East Jersey Water Company. This suggestion is sufficient, if true; but it is met by the fact that Plan "A" is the only one inserted in previous specifications, and that the bidding under those specifications was not confined to the East Jersey Company. If it was the intention of those who adopted those specifications to so confine the bidding, it was not successful. I have no prejudice for or against this company, and would certainly veto any award of a contract if there was only one bonafide bidder.

Your insistment upon the clause concerning "abandonment of contract" is sufficient evidence that you have been poorly advised. The city could not, upon abandonment of the work by the contractor, undertake the completion of it

as provided in this section. While under obligations for your view of what "the merest tyro in law knows" about this provision, I must confess my doubt that you consulted a lawyer before expressing this opinion. And you say, the section is the one usually inserted in city contracts for improvements. If the city was contracting for the construction of water works, the provision might be well enough; but the city is happily wholly without power to complete works abandoned by a contractor. This contract is to be for a supply of water, not for the construction of works. Upon this and other points in the report of your committee, however, I prefer to let a third party speak, and therefore append a copy of a report made by J. James R. Croes, Esq., Civil Engineer, to whom the specifications were submitted. I preferred to avoid the publication of the criticism of Mr. Croes, hoping that a suggestion of his objections might lead to alteration of the specifications, but your assumption of conclusive knowledge renders publication necessary. His report is as follows:—

RELATING TO JERSEY CITY WATER CONTRACT.

JERSEY CITY, October 8, 1897.

To His Honor Edward Hoos, Mayor of Jersey City, N. J.:—

Sir—I have examined, with care, the specifications for a new water supply for Jersey City, which you placed in my hands, with a request for my opinion as to their adaptability for the purpose for which they were intended, viz.: the securing from responsible contractors of proposals for furnishing an ample supply of the best water on the most economical terms to the city.

The first specification is limited to the furnishing of a supply by gravity from sources sufficiently elevated to deliver the water at 127 feet or 210 feet above tide level. The water is to be delivered in the condition in which it may be at the time, in storage reservoirs in which it has been collected, and is only required to "be pure and wholesome for drinking and domestic purposes."

The area of water shed required, the amount of storage necessary to be provided, the dimensions of the conduits, the character of the materials and workmanship demanded, are all very fully and explicitly set forth in the specifications, which on careful examination appear to be framed with great care and in general accord with the latest information and experience in engineering practice.

There are three separate schemes on which proposals are asked for:—A. The supply of 50 million gallons per day, at an elevation of 210 feet; B. The supply of 35 million gallons per day, at the elevation of 210 feet, and 35 million gallons, at the elevation of 127 feet; C. The supply of 70 million gallons per day, at the elevation of 127 feet.

The GENERAL CONDITIONS are, on the whole, well framed and expressed. There are some points on which more explicit statements are desirable.

On page 6, the bidders are required to submit plans and drawings of their works. For an easy comparison of the different schemes, it is desirable that similar plans should be drawn to the same scale and the specifications should so require and define the scales.

On page 8, it is required that the water must be "pure and wholesome for drinking and domestic purposes." This is vague and indefinite. No standard of purity is fixed and no arbiter or judge of the purity is named, except perhaps inferentially the engineer.

The requirements which follow, regarding possible contamination of the water by the sewage of several villages in New Jersey and New York and the prevention of such contamination are impracticable of accomplishment. Neither the City nor the Hudson County Board of Health have any powers "to place at the disposal of the contractor" in the premises, and the contractor cannot construct trunk sewers or sewage disposal works without special local or State authorization. The whole paragraph, under the heading, "Quality of Water," is of no value as it stands.

Page 13—WORK MUST BE INDEPENDENT—This paragraph is vague. The tacit permission given in it to the contractor to dispose of water to other communities, prior to the purchase of the works by the city, should be clearly expressed, with such restrictions as may seem desirable.

Page 13—TIME TO COMPLETE—(Last clause)—The determination of the "unavoidability of delay," carrying with it the remission of the charge of $200 per day against the contractor, is made dependent solely on the certificate of the engineer in charge of the work. No explanation, report or statement of reasons is required—simply the certificate of one man, and he not a public official, but simply an employe of the Street and and Water Board.

Page 13—Right of Eminent Domain—The provisions in this section are very proper, but bidders should be notified that there is serious doubt as to whether the city possesses the power to invoke the right of eminent domain in behalf of an individual corporation.

Page 17—ABANDONMENT OF CONTRACT—The provisions for completion of the work in case of the abandonment of the contract by the contractor are defective. The earliest period at which the purchase of the works by the city can take effect is on the completion of the

works and the delivery of the water, and at least eighteen months' notice in advance is necessary to this purchase. In the absence of such notice it is difficult to understand how the city could enter upon and complete works in which it had no proprietary interest, present or prospective, and how it could procure the funds necessary to pay for the same, pending the time at which the amount of the rental for water shall equal the expenditures for completion and operation of the works. This whole section needs material alteration.

Page 19—THE BIDDER MUST INFORM HIMSELF—The provisions that prior to the opening of the bids, the engineers who prepared these papers shall be the sole interpreters of clauses in the specifications of doubtful meaning, is probably correct, but such interpretations should be in writing and copies filed with the Street and Water Board, so that more explicit statements of meaning may be embodied in the "specific contract" to prevent future difficulties with the contractors.

THE FILTER SPECIFICATIONS.

These are in a separate document and provide only for filtering water to be delivered into the present pump-wells at Belleville, to be then pumped at the city's expense by the present antiquated and expensively operated pumping machinery. The quality of the water after filtration is not sufficiently defined and no provision is made as to who is to determine the question as to whether the water is proper for use by the city. Under such specifications as these, no fair competitive bid for a new water supply could be made involving filtration.

The plans and specifications on which proposals for a new water supply are called for are not sufficiently comprehensive to admit of a fair competition. The confining of bids to either a supply by gravity from restricted areas, thirty miles from Jersey City, or simple filtration of Passaic water, to be pumped by the existing steam plant, bars out all combination plans involving the use of modern high-duty pumping machinery, either steam or electric; the utilization of the water from several hundred square miles of watershed for power or supply and the application of filtration to such extent and at such times only as it may be needed.

There has been no attempt made to treat the subject in a broad and comprehensive manner, with a view to securing for the city the most effective and economical results.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) J. J. R. CROES,
Consulting Engineer.

Respectfully yours,
EDWARD HOOS, Mayor.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and disposed of as follows:—

1. That the specifications for a new water supply for Jersey City and a supply of filtered water, presented this day by the Committee of the Whole, be and are hereby adopted and ordered filed, and that the Clerk of this Board be authorized and directed to advertise for proposals in conformity therewith.

(Adopted December 2, 1897.)

Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

2. To request Board of Finance to set aside for the use of the Boards of Education and Fire Commissioners, to pay insurance on buildings controlled by the said Boards, respectively, the $1,500 appropriated to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for insurance, fiscal year 1897-1898.

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions were also presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

3. Ordering paid to William P. Stivers salary as engineer at High Service for part of May and all June, July, August, September, October and November, 1897, as per supplementary pay rolls, and also to pay him $46.87 on account of costs of writ of mandamus.

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

4. Awarding to Edward W. Conlon the contract to construct a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Nunda avenue, from a point about 525 feet north of Duncan avenue to and connecting with sewer in Duncan avenue (estimated cost, $1,019.46).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

5. Awarding to Edward W. Conlon the contract to construct a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Graham street, from a point about 95 feet west of Summit avenue to and connecting with the sewer in Graham street, west of Boulevard, a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in North street, from 95 feet west of Summit avenue to Hudson Boulevard, etc. (estimated cost, $3,399.68).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

6. Awarding to Henry Cunningham the contract for the improvement of Crescent avenue from Astor place to Belmont avenue (estimated cost, $1,105).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

7. Awarding to P. H. Flaherty, Jr., & Co. the contract for the improvement of Poplar street from Central avenue to Hudson Boulevard (estimated cost, $4,488.85).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

8. Awarding to James Mannix the contract for the improvement of Poplar street from Hudson Boulevard to Nelson avenue (estimated cost, $2,406.44).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

9. Awarding to P. H. Flaherty, Jr., & Co., the contract for the improvement of Cambridge avenue, from Griffith street to South street (estimated cost, $5,810.14).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

10. Awarding to Thomas F. McCabe the contract for the improvement of Orient avenue, from Ocean avenue to Jackson avenue (estimated cost, $2,333.33).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

11. Ordering paid the salaries of employes laying and repairing water pipe, for the month of November, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $3,168.50.

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

12. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent, etc., for the month of November, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,411.

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

13. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service for the month of November, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,621.10.

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

14. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Awarding to P. H. Flaherty, Jr., & Co. the contract for the improvement of Cambridge avenue, from Griffith street to South street (estimated cost, $5,810.14).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

2. Awarding to Thomas F. McCabe the contract for the improvement of Orient avenue, from Ocean avenue to Jackson avenue (estimated cost, $2,333.33).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

3. Awarding to James Manix the contract for the improvement of Poplar street, from Hudson Boulevard to Nelson avenue (estimated cost, $2,406.44).

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4. Awarding to P. H. Flaherty, Jr., & Co., the contract for the improvement of Poplar street, from Central avenue to Hudson Boulevard (estimated cost, $4,488.85).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

5. Awarding to Edward W. Conlon the contract to construct a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Graham street, from a point about 95 feet west of Summit avenue, to and connecting with the sewer in Graham street, west of Boulevard; a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in North street, from 95 feet west of Summit avenue to Hudson Boulevard, etc. (estimated cost, $3,399.68).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

6. Awarding to Henry Cunningham the contract for the improvement of Crescent avenue, from Astor place to Belmont avenue (estimated cost, $1,105).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

7. Awarding to Edward Conlon the contract to construct a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Nunda avenue, from a point about 525 feet north of Duncan avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Duncan avenue (estimated cost, $1,019.46).

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

8. Ordering paid salary to William P. Stivers, engineer at High Service, for part of month of May, 1897, and for June, July, August, September, October and November, 1897, as per supplementary payrolls, and to pay said Stivers $46.87, on account of costs of writ of mandamus.

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

9. Ordering paid the salaries of the following employes, for the month of November, 1897, as per payrolls:—

Employes laying and repairing water pipe, $3,168.50.

General Superintendent, etc. (Water Department), $1,411.

(Adopted December 6, 1897.)

The report was received and resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby non-concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, December 6, 1897, to wit:—

Ordering paid the salaries of employes at the Belleville and High Service Pumping Stations, for the month of November, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,621.10.

For the reasons that there are persons named in said payrolls to whom are ordered paid more moneys than their fixed monthly salaries, and that there appear the names of Peter Cosgrove and John McCarthy, overseer of machinery and assistant overseer of machinery, respectively, whose salaries for such positions were never concurred in by this Board.

The report was received and the resolution to non-concur in the resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$1,806.95 to the N. J. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., for searches and disbursements in certain cases, according to bill rendered and dated October 6, 1897.

$1,257.40 to the N. J. Title Guarantee & Trust Co. for searches and disbursements in certain cases, according to bill rendered, and dated December 8, 1897.

$71 to T. Y. Brown, for verifying and making diagrams of certain parcels of land bought by the city at the several tax sales.

$6.25 to Martin Finck, Commissioner of Deeds, for taking acknowledgements of City Collector to certificates of tax sales (in duplicate).

$19.10 to George B. Fielder, for recording city deeds.

(Chargeable to account Martin act.)

$87.34 to George B. Fielder for recording city deeds ($84.87 chargeable to Martin act account, and $2.47 to claims account, 1897-1898).

$10.50 to A. J. Doane, for copies of brief Anna M. Paasch et al. vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City. (Germania avenue improvement case.)

$27 to A. J. Doane, for printing in case Anna M. Paasch, et al., and State, et al., William Herick vs. Edward Hoos and Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

$2.50 to John A. Nugent, for furnishing copy of testimony in case M. J. O'Donnell, City Clerk, vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

$150.35 to John A. Nugent, for transcript of case Kiernan vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City furnished law officers of Jersey City. (Substitute for claim presented for $135.85, September 28, 1897.)

$114.50 to the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., for information searches. (Bill October 28, 1897.)

$27 to the Jersey City News for publishing notices of the City Collector, tax bills due.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1897-1898.)

$18 to the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co. for memorandum searches. (Bill October 28, 1897.)

(Chargeable to school sites account.)

$159 to John J. Nevin for fees as Judge First Criminal Court for November, 1897.

(Chargeable to account fees, First Criminal Court.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending that resolutions be adopted ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$82 to John J. O'Hara, for stationery and printing for Board of Finance and City Comptroller.

$16.50 to John Underwood & Co., for typewriter supplies to Board of Finance.

$22.50 to James B. Hill, for printing for City Collector.

$59 to James B. Hill, for printing for City Comptroller.

$9.10 to James Atchison, for stationery supplies to City Comptroller.

$50 to the Jersey City News, for printing manual, pages 147-171, Board of Finance.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board took a recess for fifteen minutes.

Upon the re-assembling of the Board the following members were present:—

President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

Jersey City, December 8, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—Your Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred December 8, 1897, the resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners December 2, 1897, relative to specifications for a new supply of water, etc., respectfully report and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

R. SIMPSON,
H. L. KELLERS,
J. S. BAILEY,
H. BRAUTIGAM,
Committee of the Whole.

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners December 2, 1897, to wit:—

That the specifications for a new water supply for Jersey City and a supply of filtered water, presented this day by the Committee of the Whole, be and are hereby adopted and ordered filed, and that the Clerk of this Board be authorized and directed to advertise for proposals in conformity therewith.

The report was received and the resolution and recommendations therein contained were adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nays—Mr. Midlige—1.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The Board of Tax Commissioners, to whom was referred the petition of John S. De Hart for the cancellation of certain assessment for taxes on personal property, reported on said petition, recommending that the said De Hart file with the City Collector proof of his discharge from the army or navy (as the case may be), in order to obtain the cancellation asked for.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Clerk of this Board was directed to notify De Hart to present his discharge papers as above provided.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of the Sinking Fund Commission, for the following amounts for sinking fund purposes, fiscal year 1897-1898:—

To pay $8,000, Fire Department Buildings Bonds, due July 24, 1901, Act March 9, 1893; resolution May 23, 1893 ..... $1,000

To pay $8,000, Fire Department Buildings Bonds, due September 10, 1902; Act March 9, 1893; resolution August 27, 1894 1,000

To pay $1,000,000, 6% Jersey City Bonds, due April 1, 1904; Act February 21, 1884; resolution April 7, 1884 30,000

To pay $450,000, Maturing Bonds, due June 1, 1910; Act February 18, 1879; resolution April 28, 1880..... 13,500

To pay $150,000, difference between old and new Assessment Bonds, due April 1, 1911; Act March 3, 1881; resolution May 11, 1881..... 4,500

To pay $525,000, Water Bonds, due February 1, 1913; Act January 30, 1883; resolution January 31, 1883... 12,000

To pay $548,000, Assessment Bonds and $200,000 General Bonds, due January 2, 1922; Act June 9, 1890; resolution November 11, 1891..... 15,000

To pay $700,000, Assessment (Gold) Bonds, due September 1, 1923; Act March 16, 1893; resolution August 17, 1893.. 14,000

To pay $600,000, Assessment (Gold) Bonds, due May 1, 1924; Act March 16, 1893; resolution April 12, 1894... 12,000

To pay $4,000, Fire Department Buildings Bonds, due December 28, 1903; Act March 28, 1895; resolution December 19, 1895..... 1,000

To pay $12,000, Fire Department Buildings Bonds, due June 1, 1909; Act, Chapter 362, Laws of 1895; resolution February 4, 1897..... 1,000

To pay $7,500, Police Department Buildings Bonds, due February 15, 1910; Act April 8, 1889, and March 9, 1891, and March 9, 1892; resolution February 4, 1897..... 500

To pay $450,000, Refunded Assessment (Gold) Bonds, due May 1, 1927; Act March 16, 1893; resolution March 11, 1897..... 9,100

To pay $100,000, Park (Gold) Bonds, due May 1, 1927; Act March 30, 1896; resolution April 26, 1897..... 2,000

To pay $300,000, School House (Gold) Bonds, due August 2, 1927; Act March 31, 1897; resolution May 1, 1897.. 6,000

To pay $1,469,000, Assessment Bonds, due April 1, 1916; Act June 9, 1890; resolution March 26, 1891.... 35,000

Total $157,600

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $124,548.59, on account of county taxes of 1897.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $11.50 in favor of Nicklaus Oland to return amount inadvertently paid for water rents for year 1897, on Lot 61, Block 738, New York avenue, on June 18, 1897; the said water rents were also paid by the owner of the property named, on June 21, 1897.

The property intended to be paid upon by said Oland is Lot 126, Block 796, New York avenue.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance of this Board be and it is hereby authorized to procure an engraved plate from which the $800,000 of bonds, authorized to be issued by resolution passed by this Board at its meeting held December 1, 1897, to be printed at a cost not exceeding $495.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance of this Board be and it is hereby authorized to have coupon bonds not exceeding 800 in number printed from plate, this day authorized to be procured, at a cost not exceeding twenty cents each.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to issue a circular requesting proposals for $800,000 Tax Arrearage Bonds, authorized to be issued by resolution passed by this Board December 1, 1897, said circular to be in form as hereto annexed, and copies of said

circular mailed to brokers, bankers and others of Jersey City, New York and other places.

(Circular.)

JERSEY CITY GOLD BONDS.

PROPOSALS FOR BONDS.

Interest, 4 Per Cent. Per Annum.

Principal and Interest Payable in Gold.

Bonds Exempt from Taxation.

Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Finance of Jersey City at its meeting, to be held in the City Hall on the twenty-second day of December, 1897, at one o'clock P. M., when they will be publicly opened for the whole or any part of

$800,000.00

TAX ARREARAGE BONDS.

(Registered Bonds to be exhanged February 2, 1898, for Coupon Bonds.)

Said bonds to be issued in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An Act Concerning Cities," approved April 21, 1876, and the supplements thereto, and also an act entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884. The principal of said bonds is payable January 1, 1903, in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, and the interest, at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum is payable in gold, semi-annually on the first days of January and July of each year.

Said bonds bear date January 3, 1898, and the registered bonds shall be delivered on January 3, 1898, and said registered bonds shall be exchanged for coupon bonds February 2, 1898.

Proposals should be enclosed in a sealed envelope and endorsed "Proposals for bonds of Jersey City," and handed to the Clerk of the Board of Finance in open meeting, when called for at said meeting, to be held Wednesday, December 22, 1897, at one o'clock P. M., in the City Hall.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check drawn upon an incorporated bank or trust company to the order of the City Treasurer of Jersey City for two (2) per cent. of the par value of the bonds bid for, the amount of said check to be credited upon said bid if accepted, and to be returned forthwith if not accepted.

By resolution passed by the Board of Finance of Jersey City, December 1, 1897, authorizing the issue of these bonds, the collection of taxes for the years 1894, 1895 and 1896 are pledged for the principal (and interest) of said bonds.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids if deemed for the best interest of Jersey City.

By order of the Board of Finance,

GEORGE R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in the City Hall on Wednesday, December 15, 1897, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

(Mr. Bailey was excused after the call of the roll and retired.)

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the regular meeting December 1, 1897, and of the adjourned regular meeting December 8, 1897, were approved as printed in manual form on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and disposed of as follows:—

Petition of Joseph Benjamin for the return of poll tax twice paid for years 1896 and 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Petition of George Lansecker for the cancellation of certain personal taxes.

Petition of John T. Hogan, relative to assessment for personal taxes.

Petition of Patrick Malone, for a reduction of taxes for 1896-7, claiming reduction of $500 on the valuation, on account of being an exempt fireman.

Petition of P. H. Doherty, relative to certain assessments for personal taxes.

Referred to the Board of Tax Commissioners.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

James B. Hill, $70, $26.48 and $15; Albert Datz, $124; the Jersey City News, $229.16; Postal Tel. Cable Co., $3; M. A. Lennon, $6.15; Randolph Perkins, $59.25; Frank Meyer, $24; Hamilton A. Lush, $70.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The Board of Tax Commissioners, to whom were referred the following petitions, returned the same to this Board, with the endorsement that the petitions should be returned to the City Collector, and that the tax should be collected:—

J. S. Palmitier and C. Gullberg.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Awarding to Timothy Burke the contract to construct a 15-inch vitrified pipe sewer in Seaview avenue, from a point about 600 feet west of Old Bergen Road, to and connecting with sewer in Old Bergen Road (estimated cost, $1,817.50).

(Adopted December 13, 1897.)

2. Awarding to Charles Conley & Co. the contract to construct a sewer in Bergen avenue, from Myrtle avenue to and connecting with sewer in Fulton avenue (estimated cost, $5,183.95).

(Adopted December 13, 1897.)

3. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on certain property for reasons given (total, $4,410.10).

(Adopted December 13, 1897.)

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted December 13, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on certain property for reasons noted (total, $4,410.10).

(Adopted December 13, 1897.)

2. Awarding the following contracts:—

To Charles Conley & Co., to construct a sewer in Bergen avenue, from Myrtle avenue, to and connecting with sewer in Fulton avenue (estimated cost, $5,183.95;, and

To Timothy Burke to construct a sewer from a point about 600 feet west of Old Bergen Road to and connecting with sewer in Old Bergen Road (estimated cost $1,817.50).

(Adopted December 13, 1897).

The report of the committee was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending that resolutions be adopted ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$124 to Albert Datz, for printing and stationery for City Clerk (bill December 13, 1897).

$26.48 to James B. Hill, for stationery supplies, etc., for City Collector.

$70 to James B. Hill, for furnishing books made to order for City Collector (schedule unpaid taxes).

$50 to James B. Hill, for furnishing account books to City Comptroller (made to order).

$235 to James B. Hill, for furnishing tax bills to City Collector.

The report was received and the resolutions were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the regular order of business was suspended, and the Board took up "Miscellaneous Business."

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By M. Simpson:—

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, December 22, 1897, at one (1) o'clock P. M., for the purpose of receiving proposals for the $800,000 Tax Arrearage Bonds, authorized to be issued under resolution of this Board, December 1, 1897,and for the transaction of "General Business."

By the Committee on Finance, Mr. Bailey, Chairman:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed not to charge interest on taxes for year 1897-1898, until after January 15, 1898.

By the Committee on Finance, Mr. Bailey, Chairman:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $18,965.95, to transfer from "General Account" to "Special Assessment Account," being amount appropriated in Tax Levy of 1897-1898 to pay the cost in excess of benefits of improvements made and assessments filed to May 1, 1897, under Chapter 217, Laws of 1895, as per Schedule 8. (Printed minutes 1897-1898, pages 81 and 82.)

By the Committee on Finance, Mr. Bailey, Chairman:—

Whereas, The Board of Tax Commissioners have twice assessed Mr. Joseph Benjamin for poll tax, for the years 1896-7 and 1897-8, once at his residence, No. 115 Mercer street, and again at his place of business, No. 72 Newark avenue, and said erroneous assessment of $2 was inadvertently paid;

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Joseph Benjamin for $2 to return erroneous assessment for poll tax, at No. 72 Newark avenue, for the years 1896-7 and 1897-8, and that the City Collector be notified.

By the Committee on Finance, Mr. Bailey, Chairman:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $430 in favor of Nathanial E. Smith to return amount paid to City Treasurer on account of purchase of the following property at tax sale, held on June 23, 1897:—

Lots 15 and 16, Block 328, Fifteenth street	$50 00
Plots I and J, Block 503½, Bergen avenue	380 00
Total	$430 00

The purchaser of said property declining to complete his purchases, for valid reasons, known to this Board.

By the Committee on Finance, Mr. Bailey, Chairman:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $18 in favor of Nathaniel E. Smith, to return the following amounts paid at tax sale, June 23, 1897, for auctioneer's fees, the said Smith declining to complete his purchases for valid reasons:—

On account sale Lots 15 and 16, Block 328, Fifteenth street, auctioneer's fees.....	$6.00
On account sale Plots I and J, Block 503½ Bergen avenue, auctioneer's fee	12.00
Total	$18.00

And that said amount of $18 be paid out of "Contingencies account," Board of Finance, year 1896-97.

By the Committee on Finance, Mr. Bailey, Chairman:—

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An Act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and the supplements thereto, and also an act entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of the State, approved April 21, 1884, bonds of the city to an amount not exceeding $110,000, be issued in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk of Jersey City, and countersigned by the City Comptroller, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the year 1891;

Resolved, That said bonds be dated January 3, 1898, and be made payable January 1, 1900, with interest at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum, payable January 1 and July 1.

By the Committee on Finance, Mr. Bailey, Chairman:—

Resolved, That pursuant to the provisions of an act entitled "An act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and the supplements thereto, and also an act entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of the State, approved April 21, 1884, bonds of the city to an amount not exceeding $35,000 be issued in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk of Jersey City, and countersigned by the City Comptroller, in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City for the years 1875 to 1887, inclusive;

Resolved, That said bonds be dated January 3, 1898, and be made payable January 1, 1900, with interest at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum, payable January 1 and July 1.

By the Committee on Finance, Mr. Bailey, Chairman:—

Whereas, E. W. Woolley has recovered judgment against the city in the Hudson Circuit Court, for $515 (with costs, etc.) in his suit against The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for extra services rendered as City Clerk.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Robert Carey, attorney of E. W. Woolley, for $550.33, including $35.33 costs, to pay judgment, etc., recovered in the Hudson Circuit Court in suit of E. W. Woolley vs. The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City; amount to be paid out of appropriation remaining to the credit of "General Claims," Board of Aldermen, fiscal year 1895-96; and further

Resolved, That the said warrant of $550.33 shall only be delivered by the City Clerk upon the filing of a proper satisfaction piece.

By the Committee on Finance, Mr. Bailey, Chairman:—

Whereas, Judgment was recovered in the First District Court of Jersey City for $157.57, in favor of John T. Dillon, in suit John T. Dillon vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, and from information received from the Corporation Attorney (William P. Douglass) that no appeal from the same was ever taken; and

Whereas, the Corporation Attorney further informs this Board that the time for appeal expired on April 5, 1897; therefore

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of J. H. Potts, attorney of John T. Dillon, for $166.27, the following amounts:—

Judgment of First District Court of Jersey City, in favor of John T. Dillon $157 57
Cost of Court 1 80
Transcript..... 50
Interest from March 31, 1897, to date 6 40

Total..... $166 27

Resolved, That said amount of $166.27 paid out of contingencies account of this Board, fiscal year 1896-97, and that the warrant for the same be only delivered by the City Clerk upon the filing of a proper satisfaction piece.

By President Brautigam:—

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be requested to furnish this Board with a statement of all claims, payrolls, payments on account of contract, etc., passed and unpaid, contracted and not yet passed by said Board, and chargeable to water account, said statement to include also the estimated cost for labor in said department and water to be provided up to May 1 next; and

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be directed to send a copy of this resolution to the President and Clerk of said Board, with the request that said statement be furnished this Board, if possible, so that it may be considered at the meeting of this Board to be held on Wednesday, December 22 next, at one o'clock P. M.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Wednesday, December 22, 1897, at one o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The President anounced that the first business to be transacted would be to receive bids for $800,000 tax arrearage bonds, advertised to be presented this day at one o'clock P. M.

Two (2) bids were received, when Mr. Simpson moved that the time for the reception of bids be now closed, and that the Clerk be directed to open the two bids and read the same.

The motion was adopted.

The following are the bids received:—

Boston, December 21, 1897.

George R. Hough, City Comptroller, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sir—For the $800,000 City of Jersey City, New Jersey, 4% Tax Arrearage Registered Bonds, dated January 3, 1898, payable January 1, 1903, without option of previous redemption, principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold coin of the United States, of the present standard of weight and fineness, denomination $1,000, we reserving the right to have said bonds exchanged for coupon bonds, as per the official advertisement, we will pay you 100,937 and accrued interest, equivalent to $1,009.37 and accrued interest for each $1,000 in bonds.

The above bid is made with the understanding that we are to have our attorney's approval on the above described bonds, prior to taking up and paying for same, and we enclose herewith certified checks to the amount of $16,000.

Very respectfully,

E. H. ROLLINS & SONS.

33 Wall street, New York,
December 22, 1897.

Board of Finance of Jersey, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Gentlemen—For the $800,000 Tax Arrearage Bonds, dated January 3, 1898, due January 1, 1903, in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard of weight and fineness, and the interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum, payable in gold semi-annually on the first days of January and July of each year, and more fully described in the printed statement signed by the City Comptroller, and which is hereto attached, we will pay the sum of $804,736 and accrued interest.

Inclosed herewith please find certified check drawn to the order of the City Treasurer of Jersey City for $16,000, being 2 per cent of the par value of the bonds bid for.

Respectfully,

BLAIR & CO.
ESTABROOK & CO.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then took a recess for ten minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board all the members were present, five (5) in number.

The following resolutions were presented and the same were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Under advertisement for proposals for $800,000 four (4) per cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds proposals were received this 22d day of December, 1897, E. H. Rollins & Sons being the highest bidders; therefore

Resolved, That the proposal of E. H. Rollins & Sons, this day received, at the rate of 100.937 for the whole issue of $800,000 Four (4) Per Cent. Tax Arrearage Bonds, directed to be issued by this Board December 1, 1897, be and the same is hereby accepted.

Resolved, That the City Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to deliver said bonds January 3, 1898 (bonds bearing date January 3, 1898), under directions of the Committee on Finance of this Board, upon payment to the City Treasurer of the amount bid as aforesaid; the checks for $16,000, this day received, to be credited on account.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to return to the unsuccessful bidders the certified checks, accompanying their bids, presented this day.

Commissioner Heintze, Chairman of the Committee on Streets and Sewers of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, desired to be heard in the matter of additional appropriations required by said Board, and the privilege was accorded him.

He requested that the Board of Finance appropriate the following amounts for the purposes designated:—

$600 for carting stone on Tonnele avenue, St. Paul's avenue and Manhattan avenue.

$200 for the repairing of Franklin street steps.

$600 for the construction of a drain from the Erie R. R. crossing at Hoboken avenue, to connect with Jersey avenue sewer.

President Brautigam assured Commissioner Heintze that the request would receive due consideration by the Board of Finance and Commissioner Heintze then retired.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then took up the regular order of business.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were then presented, received and they were each disposed of as follows:—

Petition of John Young, receiver of Thomas W. Weathered & Sons requesting reductions and cancellations of certain assessments for taxes on personal property.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Petition of A. A. Franck, attorney of George Lauscher, requesting the return of $5 for erroneous assessment for water rents year 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Petitions of D. R. Lowey, Mrs. Ann Bradt, John J. Peters, Mrs. C. L. Trowbridge and J. E. Cutlin, for correction and cancellation of certain assessments for taxes on personal property.

Referred to the Board of Tax Commissioners.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—H. W. Hedge, $15; Evening Journal Association, $8.40 and $10.50; Wm. P. Douglass, $37.39; Wagner Typewriter Co., $22.50; Theodore Backes, $3.90; Collins & Corbin, $7,793.93.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The Board of Tax Commissioners, to whom were referred the following petitions, returned the same to this Board with the endorsement that the petitions should be returned to the City Collector and that the tax should be collected:—F. W. Pangborn, John T. Hogan, George Lansecker, P. H. Doherty and C. P. Opdyke.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

2. To fix salary of John Jennings, carpenter at pipe yard, reinstated December 20, 1897, at $3 per day.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

3. To pay $375 to John Jennings in full for services as carpenter at pipe yard, from date of discharge in May, 1897, to December 20, 1897, agreement in writing having been filed by said Jennings to accept the amount in full payment of claim.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

4. Awarding to Henry Byrne the contract to sweep, clean, remove dirt, etc., from the streets of Jersey City, for term ending November 30, 1898, at $11 per mile.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

5. To award to James J. Harrington the contract for the collection and removal of all ashes and garbage and kitchen refuse from streets of Jersey City, for the term ending November 30, 1898, at prices named in his bid, $17,000.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

6. Ordering paid the salaries of Water Registrar, etc., in the Water Department, for the month of December, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $3,593.31.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

7. Ordering paid the salaries of Laborers on meters, for the month of December, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $540.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

(Mr. Bailey here obtained leave and retired.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, be concurred in:—

1. To fix salary of John Jennings, carpenter at pipe yard, reinstated December 20, 1897, at $3 per day.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

2. To pay $375 to John Jennings in full for all claims for services as carpenter at pipe yard, from date of discharge of said Jennings in May, 1897, to December 20, 1897, and for all claims against the city by reason of such discharge, said Jennings having heretofore filed with the Clerk of Street and Water Board an agreement in writing to accept such sum in full payment as aforesaid.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

3. Awarding to Henry Byrne the contract to sweep, clean and remove all dirt, foreign mater, etc., from the streets of Jersey City except Macadam and Telford pavements, for term ending November 30, 1898, price $11 per mile.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

4. To award to James J. Harrington the contract for the collection and removal of all ashes and garbage and kitchen refuse from the streets of Jersey City, for the term ending November 30, 1898, at prices named in bid, $17,000.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$15 to James B. Hill, for one water permit book, made to order for City Comptroller.

(Charge to water account.)

$59.25 to Randolph Perkins for drawing deeds and assignments and taking ac-

knowledgments thereon in certain sale numbers. (Bill December 15, 1897.)

(Chargeable to Martin Act account.)

$229.16 to the Jersey City News for publishing minutes for month of December, 1897.

$229.16 to the Evening Journal Association, for publishing official minutes in month of December, 1897.

(Chargeable to account publishing minutes.)

$70 to Hamilton A. Lush, for services as assistant to Clerk of First District Court, for month of December, 1897, when due.

$24 to Frank Meyer, for services as Marshal to First District Court, 24 days in November, 1897.

(Chargeable to account District Court fees.)

$6.15 to M. A. Lennon, for taking testimony in case of Stivers vs. Mayor and Aldermen, and making copy of report The Commercial Investment Building and Loan Association vs. Mayor and Aldermen.

$3 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for messenger service to Board of Finance in month of November, 1897.

$37.39 to William P. Douglass, for cash for incidental expenses of Corporation Attorey's office, from May 11 to July 1, 1897.

(Chargeable to claims account, 1897-1898.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The same Committee further reported, recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the salaries of the Mayor and others for the month of December, 1897, when due, amounting to $4,834.97.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the following claim:—

$15 to Homer W. Hedge, for printing bond sale circulars for City Comptroller.

The report was received and the claim was ordered paid by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That when this Board adjourns it be until Monday, January 3, 1898, at four o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By the Committee on Finance, Mr. Bailey, Chairman:—

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be requested to furnish this Board with a statement of the amount of unpaid water rents assessed and measured, also of the amount collected on account of water rents, etc., year 1897-1898, and the total amount of assessments, and estimated total of measured water rates for said year 1897-1898.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $5 in favor of A. A. Franck, attorney of George Lauscher, to return amount erroneously assessed and paid, for water rents, for year 1897, on Lot 3E3, Block 897, No. 1205 Summit avenue, the assessment is for a "market," which is not on the premises.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Monday, December 27, 1897, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The call for the meeting, issued by the President, which was for the purpose of transacting "General Business," as is included in "Order of Business" of the Board, including passing claims, ordering paid January 1, 1898, interest, concurring in resolutions of Street and Water Commissioners, was read by the Clerk.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of Charles E. Ainsworth, for the cancellation of certain personal taxes.

Petition of J. B. Wande, for the cancellation of certain personal taxes.

Referred to the Board of Tax Commissioners.

The following communications were presented and received from Wallis, Edwards & Bumsted, and they were each referred to the Corporation Attorney:—

Jersey City, N. J., December 27, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.:—

Dear Sirs—Enclosed please find transcript of judgment rendered in the New Jersey Supreme Court against the City in favor of our client, Michael J. O'Donnell, for $333.32 damages and $40.81 costs.

On the trial Judge Lippincott held that Mr. O'Donnell was entitled to receive salary as City Clerk at the rate of $5,000 per year from the date of his last appointment in May 18, 1897, instead of $4,000 as theretofore, and that under the law of 1891, giving the Board of Aldermen the power to fix his salary, your Board was bound to provide the funds for so doing. The judgment for $333.32 covers the months of June, July, August and September, 1897; there is also due $166.66 for the months of October and November and balance in May, 12 days, amounts to $37.64. From and after December 1 the appropriation as made in the tax budget for 1897-98 will suffice. A warrant should therefore be drawn for:—

Judgment for June, July, August and September	$333.32
Balance due for October and November	166.66
Balance due for month of May	37.64
Taxed costs	40.81
Total	$578.43

Yours respectfully,

WALLIS, EDWARDS & BUMSTED.

Jersey City, N. J., Dec. 27, 1897.

Hon. Board of Finance, Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sirs—Edgar A. Vreeland, City Marshal, has placed in our hands for collection his claim against the city for the balance due him as salary as City Marshal from May 18, 1897. On that day Mr. Vreeland was appointed City Marshal at a salary of $1,500 per year as fixed by Chapter 237 of the Laws of 1889 (page 372). The appropriation, however, made by your Board for the purpose was only $1,200 per year, so that since May 18 to the first of December, Mr. Vreeland has been entitled to his salary at the rate of $1,500 per year, making in all the sum of $801.66. He has received salary during the same time at the rate of $1,200 per year, to wit, $640.34, leaving a balance due him of $161.32.

We have refrained from beginning suit in this matter as the questions involved are precisely those decided in the O'Donnell case, and we did not wish to put the city to the expense of costs.

Under the act of 1889, it is the duty of your Board to provide the monies necessary to pay such compensation.

Yours respectfully,

WALLIS, EDWARDS & BUMSTED.

From Hon. H. M. Nevius, Judge, Hudson Circuit Court:—

An order enjoining and restraining the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City from paying any monies due to Julius Bretcrinitz, Jr., by said corporation until the further order of said Court.

Ordered placed on file.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Albert Datz, $45; the N. J. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., $15, $3 and $19.50; Theodore Backes, $3.90.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Comptroller:—

Jersey City, December 27, 1897.

To the Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—The city has paid interest on six-year improvement certificates, issued under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289 of the Laws of 1895, as follows:—

Interest due July 1, 1896		$3,897 68
Interest due January 1, 1897		6,217 20
Interest due July 1, 1897		11,545 02
Interest on certificates called		1,015 46
Total		$22,675 36
There will be interest due on January 1, 1898, to be provided for	$13,148 11	$13,148 11
Total		$35,823 47

The amount of interest collected on improvements made under these laws:—

To May 31, 1897, was	$2,400 00	
May 31, to November 30, 1897	4,600 00	
Total		$7,000 00

Amount provided by temporary loan bonds, June 14, last $19,696 39

$26,696 39

Leaving amount to be provided $9,127 08

The interest collected on assessments made under these laws will be applied toward the payment of the interest on improvement certificates or the obligations of the city given for the purpose of raising the amount required to meet said interest.

Respectfully,
GEORGE R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Tax Commissioners, to whom was referred the following petition, returned the same to this Board, with the endorsement that the petition should be returned to the City Collector, and that the tax should be collected:—

Mrs. H. B. Kitchel.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the following salaries for December, 1897, as per payrolls, when due:—

Laborers on meters, $540.

Water Registrar, etc., $3,593.31.

(Adopted December 20, 1897.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending that resolutions be adopted ordering paid the following claims:—

$3.90 to Theodore Backes, for copying testimony taken in matter of application of N. J. Junction R. R. Co. for a summary determination, etc.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1896-1897.)

$15 to the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., for memorandum searches.

(Chargeable $9 to account claims, 1896-1897, and $6 chargeable to account of school sites.)

$3 to the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., for memorandum searches.

(Chargeable to account of school sites.)

$19.50 to the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., for information search, No. 306, giving last owners report No. 102.

(Chargeable to account "Martin Act.")

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering paid the following claim:—

$45 to Albert Datz for five books, personal tax for City Collector.

The report was received and the claim was ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the regular order of business was suspended, and the Board then took up Miscellaneous Business.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to be deposited to the credit of January, 1898, interest, as follows:—

On general account	$55,222 58
On general account, to pay interest on Assessment Bonds...	24,200 00
On water account	51,852 50
Total	$131,275 08

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Chapters 217 and 289 of the Laws of 1895, temporary loan bonds in the amount of $9,127.08 be issued; said bonds to be made payable on demand, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, and the proceeds derived from the sale of said bonds to be used to pay interest due January 1, 1898, on $584,360.37 of said certificates.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Under Section 2, Chapter 142, of the Laws of 1897, the construction, furnishing, repairing and maintenance of public school, police and fire department buildings have been transferred to the Boards of Education, Police and Fire; and

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners have, by resolution adopted on December 6, 1897, requested the Board of Finance to apportion the ap-

propriation of $1,500 made to said Board for insurance, fiscal year 1897-1898, among the Boards herein named;

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to set aside the said sum of $1,500 to the credit of following Boards, and in the sums named:—Board of Education, $1,150; Board of Police Commissioners, $350; and

Resolved, That the Clerk of this Board be and is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to the Board of Education and Board of Police Commissioners, and also to the City Comptroller.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the bonds authorized to be issued in anticipation of the collection of taxes of Jersey City, for 1894, 1895 and 1896, by resolution of this Board, passed December 1, 1897, be made coupon bonds (exchangeable for registered bonds); and

Resolved, That said Coupon Bonds be in form as hereto annexed:—

(Form of Coupon Bonds.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

No. ———— No. ————

$1,000.00 $1,000.00

(Coat of Arms)
(of)
(New Jersey.)

CITY OF JERSEY CITY.

FOUR PER CENT. TAX ARREARAGE BONDS.

Know all men by these presents, that "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, does hereby for value received acknowledge itself to be indebted and firmly bound unto

or bearer, in the sum of one thousand dollars, gold coin of the United States of America, of the present standard of weight and fineness, to be paid at the office of the City Treasurer of Jersey City, on the first day of January, one thousand nine hundred and three, with interest thereon, at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable in like gold coin, on the first day of every January and July hereafter until this bond is paid, on presentation and surrender of the proper coupon hereto annexed.

This bond is executed and issued in conformity with a resolution passed for that purpose on December 1, 1897, by the Board of Finance of Jersey City, and approved by the Mayor of said city December 8, 1897, under an act of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, entitled "An act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and the supplements thereto, and also an act entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884.

This bond is exempt from taxation under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

In witness whereof, this bond is signed by the Mayor of Jersey City and sealed with the corporate seal of the said "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," attested by the City Clerk and countersigned by the City Comptroller this third day of January, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight.

Seal.

.....
Mayor.

Attest:—

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City Clerk.

Countersigned:—

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City Comptroller.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance, held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Monday, January 3, 1898, at 9 o'clock A. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The call for the meeting, which was for the purpose of receiving and acting upon a resolution concerning the issue and sale of $800,000 Tax Arrearage Bonds (call issued by the President), was read by the Clerk.

The following preamble and resolution was presented by Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, and the same was adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

Whereas, By resolution passed by this Board on December 27th, 1897, the $800,000 of Tax Arrearage Bonds, authorized to be issued under resolution of this Board passed December 1, 1897, were to be made Coupon Bonds; and

Whereas, It was intended by resolution of this Board, passed December 8, 1897, that Registered Bonds should be delivered on January 3, 1898, said Registered Bonds to be exchanged for Coupon Bonds on February 2, 1898; therefore be it

Resolved, That Registered Bonds be and they are hereby authorized to be issued as originally contemplated, in form of circular, adopted by this Board on said date (December 8, 1897), and that said Registered Bonds (exchangeable for Coupon Bonds on February 2, 1898), be substantially in the following form:—

(Form of Bond.)

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

No..... (Coat of Arms.) $.....

CITY OF JERSEY CITY.

FOUR PER CENT. TAX ARREARAGE GOLD BONDS.

Know all men by these presents, that "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," a municipal corporation of the State of New Jersey, does hereby for value received acknowledge itself to be indebted and firmly bound unto

or assigns, in the sum of

dollars, gold coin of the United States of America, of the present standard of weight and fineness, to be paid at the office of the City Treasurer of Jersey City, on the first day of January, 1903, with interest thereon at the rate of four per cent. per annum, from January 3, 1898, payable in like gold coin, semi-annually on the first day of January, and July hereafter, until this bond is paid.

This bond is executed and issued in conformity with a resolution passed for that purpose December 1, 1897, by the Board of Finance of Jersey City, under an act of the Legislature of New Jersey, entitled "An act concerning cities," approved April 21, 1876, and the supplements thereto, and also an act entitled "An act relating to the issue of temporary loan bonds in cities of this State," approved April 21, 1884, and is transferable at the pleasure of the holder, either in person or by attorney, only on the books of the corporation at the office of the City Comptroller, and the surrender of this bond.

This bond is exempt from taxation under the laws of the State of New Jersey.

In witness whereof, this bond is signed by the Mayor of Jersey City and sealed with the corporate seal of the said "The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City," attested by the City Clerk and countersigned by the City Comptroller this third day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Seal.

.....
Mayor.

Attest:—

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City Clerk.

Countersigned:—

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City Comptroller.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance, held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Monday, January 3, 1898, at 4 o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Midlige and Simpson—3.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Kellers—2.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, January 5, 1898, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned meeting of the Board of Finance held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, January 5, 1898, at eleven o'clock A. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board took up the order of Unfinished Business.

The veto of His Honor the Mayor of the resolution adopted by this Board November 17, 1897, to borrow $27,792.48 on bonds to be issued in anticipation of the redemption of lands bought by Jersey City at City Collector's sale, November 1, 1897, presented to this Board December 8, 1897, was taken up for the Board's action thereon, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

The following communication was presented by the Committee on Finance, and the same was received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes of the Board:—

Office of the Board of Finance,
Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 3, 1898.

To the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Your committee have noted the receipt by your honorable Board of the veto of His Honor the Mayor, under date of December 2 last, concerning a certain resolution authorizing your committee to borrow $27,792.48 on bonds to be issued in anticipation of the redemption of lands bought by the Mayor and Aldremen of Jersey City, N. J., at the sale of the City Collector, made November 1, 1897, of lands for unpaid adjusted taxes, assessments and water rents, said bonds to be payable at the option of the city, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable with the bonds, and the proceeds to be applied for the certificates of sale of the property purchased by the Mayor and Aldermen at said sale, etc.

The text of the veto is as follows:—

"I cannot approve of the practice of issuing bonds for the purchase of property by the city at tax sales. It is so purchased because private parties are not willing to pay their liens for which the property is sold. To make the purchase by the city a basis for increasing our bonded debt, is not, in my opinion, commendable. If the law does not compel this course, and I am advised that it does not, it seems the better policy would be to let the matter stand without further action, until the time comes for absolute sale. Resolutions of this kind are but the first step towards the issuing of subsequent tax bonds, concerning which I have already communicated my views to your Board." Since June last, when His Honor the Mayor attempted to engage your Board in a controversy regarding the financial methods and policy of this city, we had hoped that time and increased familiarity with the various municipal problems might have convinced him of the fallacy of the policy then inaugurated by him of attacking our fiscal system, would be made apparent to him. The extraordinarily high prices realized at the various bond sales since that time, have so strengthened our city in the financial world as to best evidence the confidence of financiers in our fiscal policy and have fully demonstrated the incorrectness of the attacks uttered by him under date of July 14 and August 14, 1897.

To the first of these communications this Board replied in a somewhat lengthy letter under date of August 2, 1897, containing a partial explanation of the fiscal policy, which in our judgment was sufficient answer to the statements then made concerning the insecurity of our financial system. Our explanation was made concerning only those statements which were so arranged as to misguide and deceive the public mind; but the absurdities of the communication of July 14 in general were so palpable even to those unacquainted with public affairs, that in the closing sentence of our letter we were compelled to "decline to further discuss them or the communication." It did not seem to us that it was at all proper on our part to continue a controversy detrimental to the credit of the city, and fruitless of any good result. After the receipt of the communication of August 14 it was apparent to this Board that our letter of August 3 had so completely answered the attack of July 14 and made its absurdities so apparent that as it contained nothing more than a repetition of the statements previously made, it was impossible for your Board to dignify the communication or its real author by any other action than placing it on file. We had hoped that by allowing the matter to be dropped, and the experience gained daily in the routine of his office, of which we are aware, the Executive would have been convinced how fallacious and untrustworthy was the advice he was accepting as his guide in municipal financial transactions. We submit that if our fiscal system is unsafe, and the Mayor knows where it is so, it is his duty to point it out and to suggest the remedy. But we will not concede that there is any merit in any of the objections made by him in his communications of July 14, August 14 and December 2, 1897. When those objections are sifted down we find that they show nothing unsound in the fiscal policy itself, but a bald statement that in working it out some detail is objectionable to the Executive's adviser. But no suggestion is offered as to a remedy. The letter of August 14 contained the threat that His Honor would not sign any more "subsequent tax bonds." In order that the opportunity for doing so may not be given him, he vetoes the resolution of Novem-

ber 17, which is the subject of this report. In order that the results of his action may be made plainly apparent, it will be necessary to give a minute explanation of a portion of the financial system which was not elaborated upon in the letter of August 3. It has been made clear that the tax rate is established annually by dividing the ratables into the total tax levy, as per sample for the year December 1, 1896, to December 1, 1897, the total tax levy, $2,043,861.31, divided by the total assessed ratables, $89,020,676, established a tax rate for the city of $19.58 per thousand.

It has also been made clear that the great trouble with the city is that too small a proportion of the total amount of annual taxes levied is collected annually. Inasmuch as the collection of the total amount of taxes is necessary to the city annually to prevent the creation of additional temporary indebtendness, it is plain that the failure to collect the full amount, or, at least, eight-ninths of it, causes a constantly increasing indebtedness. Annually up to about September, when the taxes collected up to that time have been expended, the city is compelled to borrow in anticipation of the collection of the tax arrearages. How quickly these amounts run into large sums can be seen from the annexed table.

In accordance with the provisions of an act approved March 27, 1884, one-ninth of the total expenses of the city is added before the rate is struck, to provide against any extraordinary reduction, in the taxable ratables by the local or State Boards of Appeals in Cases of Taxation, and the corresponding decrease in the gross revenue of the city, and as a provision against any other contingency that may arise.

As a matter of fact the total reduction during the past six years in assessed valuations have not averaged one per centum of one-ninth of the levy:—

SCHEDULE.

Year.	Total tax levy.	One-ninth.	Bonds issued in anticipation of uncollected taxes.
1891-2	$2,084,259 54	$168,871 54	$450,000 00
1892-3	2,128,151 88	182,436 47	350,000 00
1893-4	1,979,693 03	168,327 83	345,000 00
1894-5	2,054,727 49	173,780 71	233,000 00
1895-6	2,086,472 83	175,287 82	250,000 00
1896-7	2,043,861 31	174,180 84	475,000 00

From table four (4) it is clear how quickly an increasing short indebtedness is created. The inability to properly collect the proper amount of taxes annually levied has been the cause of much concern in a financial way to the cities of this country, and is particularly instanced by the experience of cities in this State. The remedy from the ultimate bankruptcy of the cities of this State was provided by the enactment of legislation creating machinery for the collection of tax arrearages in a compulsory fashion, by providing for the sale of property upon which the taxes are unpaid. In 1886, the "Martin Act," so called after its introducer, was passed. Its purpose is best explained by its title and preamble:—

CHAPTER CXII.

Laws of 1886.

An act concerning the settlement and collection of arrearages of unpaid taxes, assessments and water rates or water rents in cities of this State, and imposing and levying a tax, assessment and lien and instead of such arrearages, and to enforce the payment thereof, and to provide for the sale of lands subjected to future taxation and assessment.

Whereas, Arrears of unpaid taxes, assessments and water rates in cities of this State have accumulated to the amount of many millions of dollars; and,

Whereas, The validity of some of such unpaid taxes, assessments and water rates has been or may be called in question by reason of irregularity, omission or defect in the procedure, instituting, laying and imposing the same, or because of the unconstitutionality of the laws or methods under which proceedings were had or taken; and

Whereas, Several cities have issued and sold bonds or obligations in anticipation or on account of the arrears of such unpaid taxes or water rates, and have issued and sold their bonds to obtain the money paid for the improvements for which the assessments so in arrears were imposed, or attempted to be imposed, and the said improvements have been completed, and the property assessed therefor has been benefited thereby; and

Whereas, It has been found that the cities of this State have no adequate means to enforce the collection of taxes and assessments, by sale of the lands upon which the same have been or may be imposed, now, therefore, etc., etc.:—

Briefly, it provides, as subsequently revised and amended, for the method of collecting unpaid taxes after a delinquent is in arrears for the term of two years, by establishing liens in place of the arrearages, through the medium of an adjustment commission, which has been at work in this city for several years. After hearings, investigations, etc., the adjusted tax list is submitted to the court, and when confirmed is placed in the hands of the City Collector for collection, who thereupon notifies the last known owner by mail, and subsequently by publication gives notice that if the taxes as adjusted are not paid by a certain date, the property will be sold. It must be understood that at the outset there was

much confusion as to the details to be followed in carrying out the provisions of the act in such a manner as to make it conform most completely to the financial systems of the various cities, and the purpose for which it was intended. Many details which it was impossible for the framers of the act to anticipate had to be arranged, and which the officials of the city had to put into effect in some cases by the exercise of power conferred by other legislation, and in other cases such as were formulated in line with common sense and sound financial methods. If, after the required notice given by the City Collector, the adjusted liens were not paid, the property was sold by the City Collector at public sale to the highest bidder, and in case there were no bidders was bought in by the city for the full amount of the liens. The act provided for the payment of the purchase money by the purchaser, and that the City Collector shall deliver a certificate of sale to the purchaser. The act then goes on to state as follows:—

"The city may be a purchaser at any sale of lands under the provisions of this act, with the same right, title and effect as any other purchaser, and the certificate of sale to the city shall be delivered to the Mayor, who shall on behalf of the city cause notice of sale to be served on owners and mortgagors of the lands so purchased, as provided in this act, as in case of private purchaser, upon proof of the service of the notice, and the expiration of the period for redemption, the city shall be entitled to a deed for the property, the same as any other purchaser."

So that for several years past as the tax arrearages were adjusted, the reports confirmed, and the sales held when no private purchaser appeared, the city, through the Comptroller, purchased the property for the face amount of the liens thereon. After each sale the Collector made requisition upon the Board of Finance for the amount due him for such purchase. This Board has followed that practice. There being no fund for the purpose it was necessary, in order to provide the money, to issue tax sale bonds, which were invariably taken up by the Sinking Fund. The effect of this has been as follows:—For example, the uncollected taxes for the years ending December 1, 1894; December 1, 1895, and December 1, 1896, amounted to $345,000, $255,000, $250,000, respectively, or a total of $848,000. About the month of September in each of those years bonds for the several amounts were issued, and designated "Temporary loan pay on demand bonds," issued in anticipation of the collection of the taxes of 1893-4, 1894-5 and 1895-6. After a life of three (3), two (2) and one (1) years, respectively, their total has been reduced to $800,000 by subsequent payment of taxes for the years in question, and the bonds or loans have been replaced by tax arrearage bonds for $800,000, which were sold at premiums only a week ago, and run five years or until January, 1903. A sinking fund has been created to redeem each portion of the issue. That fund is accumulated by the collection of arrearages of each of these years. Whatever taxes of 1894-5-6 are subsequently paid to the City Collector are credited to each of these years, and are by resolution of the Board of Finance, as they accumulate, set aside to the credit of the sinking funds of 1894, 1895 and 1896.

Very shortly the City Collector will prepare to sell lands for taxes, etc., of the years 1894 and 1895. Notice is given to the delinquent property owners of the date of the sale, and before notices are published thousands of dollars are paid in; between the publication of the notice and the date of sale additional payments are made, until finally on the date of sale, the only classes of property upon which the taxes are unpaid will be those of the owner unable to pay, those of the owner whose property has been too highly assessed, or those valueless to the owner, because the liens are greater than the value of the lands. Suppose that at the sale, as in the case before us of the sale of November 1, 1897, the city, in accordance with the provisions of the act of 1886, already quoted, and on account of there being no other purchaser, is compelled to bid in lands with liens thereon amounting to some $28,000. A warrant is drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the City Collector for that amount and certificates of sale delivered to the Mayor for the lands so purchased. In order to provide the money to make that warrant good, tax sale bonds for the amount in question are issued. The warrant paid the City Collector is credited to the Sinking Fund account of those years, and the bonds are bought by the Sinking Fund. No interest is paid upon it until it is redeemed. It is at this point that His Honor the Mayor interposes his veto. He refused to sign the resolution empowering the issuance of the bond and drawing of the warrant, and suggests that in place of that detail the City Collector make an entry upon his books that the lands in question have been sold to the city, and that he then deliver to the Mayor the certificate of sale. Admitting that the act does not specifically state that the procedure heretofore followed be carried out, it still prescribes that "the city may be a purchaser at any sale of lands under the provisions of this act with the same right, title and effect as any other purchaser." But any other purchaser must pay the money down before he will receive a certificate of sale. The City Collector is a receiving officer.

He has no right, once the tax books have been placed in his hands for collection to make an entry that taxes have been paid, unless the money or its equivalent is in his possession, and if he does so, the city can make him produce the money represented by the entry. Would he make the entry, the Mayor suggests? Would his bondsmen allow him to make such entry without insisting upon his release and theirs from the responsibility or errors that would ensue? These unpaid taxes upon lands place the city in exactly the same position that an individual who holds a mortgage upon a piece of land is in. In case of foreclosure and no bidder appears to offer the amount of the mortgage, it is considered good business for the mortgagee to bid the property in, and then realize whatever he can upon it. That is the position of the city exactly. The unpaid taxes are assessed for tax arrearage bonds, which have annually been issued in anticipation of the payment of the arrearages. To realize upon these assets as quickly as the machinery provided by law will allow, will eventually produce a corresponding decrease in the tax arrerarage and assessment debt. But the city cannot realize upon these assets unless it can force the payment of the arrearages, or by purchasing the land for the amount of liens thereon, it must be in a position to make good its title, in order to realize at absolute sale whatever it can upon the assets held by it. As an asset it does not increase in value by holding it, for the reason that the liens are increasing annually at a rate only measured by a valuation placed upon it. If the position of the Mayor be acceded to, the forcible collection of taxes would cease, and a premium would be placed upon tax shirking. To be consistent, His Honor should have refused to sign the temporary loan bonds issued in September last, in anticipation of the collection of the taxes of 1896-7. It is hardly good business to borrow in anticipation of a collection which one refuses to make, although the means are provided. These bonds must be paid off at some time or another; by our method they are paid at the expense of the taxpayers, whose delinquency causes their creation; by his method, as these bonds are guaranteed by the city, the taxpayers who pay promptly will be compelled to assume the burden created by those who do not pay their taxes. Every dollar of taxes unpaid increases ultimately the tax burden, by the increased interest charges to be provided for annually. To follow out the example quoted, after the sale of lands for unpaid taxes for the years of 1894 and 1895, and the purchase by the city of lands with some $28,000 of liens thereon and the delivery of certificates of sale, we find the sinking fund account for those years increased $28,000, and the gross debt increased the same amount. The original debt of that year is not yet reduced by the transaction, but the city is in possession of the asset to effect that reduction. Steps are then taken to place the city in possession of a good tax title to the property, a search is made, all the parties in interest are served with notices, and if, after the expiration of six months after the service of the notices, the accumulated charges, expenses, liens, etc., are not paid, a deed is taken for the land, and the title vested in the city.

SUBSEQUENT TAX BONDS.

When the city obtains the certificates of sale the property is taken in charge by the City Comptroller, the rents are collected, etc., and deposited to the credit of the city. Two years have elapsed and the taxes of 1896 and 1897 have been levied and are unpaid. They are included in the amount borrowed in anticipation of the collection of the taxes of those years, but have not yet been merged into tax arrearage bonds. The Comptroller pays these taxes to the City Collector and the tax arrearages for those years are reduced that amount either when the temporary loans are merged into tax arrearage bonds, or by credit of payment to the sinking funds of those years if the tax arrearage bonds have been issued. In order to provide the Comptroller with the monies to pay the taxes subsequent to those levied in the year for non-payment of which the land was sold, subsequent tax bonds are issued and held by the sinking fund. If those bonds were not issued the unpaid taxes whose payment they represent would be apparent in an increased amount of arrearage bonds of the years they were respectively levied in. In our example, instead of allowing the taxes of 1896 and 1897 to remain unpaid and incorporate them in the tax arrearage bonds of those years, the total of the latter are reduced by that amount, and subsequent bond account increased correspondingly.

The advantage of that plan is that in case a piece of land held by the city by tax certificate from the sale of unpaid taxes of 1894 and 1895 should be redeemed, the taxes unpaid and the costs, etc., contracted in their collection for 1894 and 1895, are not only paid, but also the taxes of 1896 and 1897; the city is the gainer by the compulsory cleaning up of all its liens on the property, and the probable saving of loss, etc., on the otherwise unpaid subsequent taxes. So that when it comes to the absolute sale the city attempts to realize on all its liens up to date of the sale. It may be said at this point that our experience is that very few desirable assets are left for the absolute sale in the shape of lands, etc., and

the percentage of loss to the city is considerable, but that percentage is not reduced by delay. Every year, that goes by, increases the loss to the city. The more quickly the Martin Act machinery effects an absolute sale the less is the loss to the city. A parcel of land which is allowed to be carried to absolute sale is either overloaded with liens beyond its value or is in the hands of owners undesirable from a municipal standpoint, from the fact that they do not pay their taxes. Is it not manifestly to the interest of the city in the first case to face its loss as quickly as it can, and thereby to establish a value for the asessors to go by and make it tax paying property, and in the second case to effect a change in the ownership so that the taxes will be paid? We think so. It is only a short time ago that we learned of a case, which probably was brought to the attention of His Honor, of a piece of property owned in this city assessed at $3,500 with unpaid taxes amounting to $2,500. The owner had been well to do, but had been reduced in circumstances, and was only able to eke out a bare living; some relations, fearful that the property would be sold for taxes, tendered the Comptroller $1,700 in payment of all the lines, claiming that the valuation was excessive, and that the amount tendered represented the actual value of the property. If the Mayor's plan were in force there would be no use of any attempt to pay the taxes. The owner would be almost certain that he could continue to use the property during his life without paying taxes, thereby compelling the other property owners, who do pay their taxes, to carry his lien. The assessment would be carried along for years, possibly at the sum quoted, and the amount of liens accumulate until they reached a figure far in excess of the assessed valuation of the property. By the system now in vogue the property would be sold and probably bring $1,700. The city would sustain a loss of $800,but that would end it. The land would go into hands able to pay, and the city would not be deceived by anticipating the collection of taxes on a valuation of $3,500, when eventually about those on a much smaller actual valuation would be paid. Our contention then is not that our system is an absolutely perfect one. It has only been in operation since 1889-90, and has not as yet had the full trial to show that it is the best in operation that we can find at present. In the absence of any plan more perfect we defend it. None has been suggested by those who have derided it. While the operations of the Martin Act have in many ways been beneficial to the city, we are aware that by its operation many dollars of assets will dwindle away—when the final reckoning is had. That is not the fault of the present municipal authorities, nor can it be charged upon those in office since the passage of the 1889 charter. The padded tax list of the years previous, the unwarranted reductions in the assessments formerly made when this Board was a Board of Appeals, and the unsound fiscal policy of the city prior to the period referred to, have all done their share in effecting this result. But the weakest point in the position of the Mayor in this matter is that he really has no power over the issuing of tax sale or subsequent tax bonds beyond signing them. Section 21 of the charter of 1871, which is still in force, prescribes that he shall sign all licenses directed to be issued by the Board of Aldermen, and all bonds, obligations or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the city. The language of the act makes it compulsory on his part to sign these bonds and make still more futile the ill advised interference with well tried methods.

We have made as complete an explanation of this matter as we thought necessary "for the better understanding of the past and present, and for his guidance in the future." We feel that it is due the public, the city and ourselves. We recommend the passage of the resolution notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

Very respectfully submitted,

JAS. S. BAILEY,
H. L. KELLERS,
REUBEN SIMPSON,
HENRY BRAUTIGAM.

The following resolution was presented by Mr. Bailey, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, and the same was adopted by the following vote, on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Yeas—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers and Simpson—4.

Nay—Mr. Midlige—1.

Absent—None.

Resolved, That the resolution, passed by this Board, at its meeting held November 17, 1897, and vetoed by His Honor the Mayor, under date of December 2, 1897, do now pass notwithstanding the objections of His Honor the Mayor.

The Board then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, January 5, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the regular meeting, December 15, 1897; adjourned regular, December 22, 1897; special meeting, December 27, 1897; special, January 3, 1898, at nine o'clock A. M., and adjourned, January 3, 1898, four o'clock P. M., were approved as printed in manual form on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were each disposed of as follows:—

Petition of F. J. Vanderbeek for the return of $6 for erroneous assessment for water rents, year 1897.

Petition of Niven & Co. for rebate of money paid in error for taxes, on January 7, 1897.

Petition of John S. Sutphen for the return of $7, erroneous assessment for improvement of Clinton avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

The following communications were presented and received and they were each referred to the Tax Commissioners:—

Communication from F. W. Pangborn, relative to assessment for taxes on personal property which he claims should be cancelled.

Petition of William J. Blythe, for the cancellation of certain assessment for taxes on personal property.

Petition of Thomas H. Spurr, in regard to certain assessment for personal taxes.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

John J. Nevin, $51; James F. Norton, $106 and $34; George B. Fielder, $25.04; Rachel G. Butler, $24.75; Frederick Hartman, $20; Frank J. Higgins, $76; J. Herbert Potts, $114; N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., $26.20, $21.40, $6.25, $1.75, $14.85, $5.75 and 30c.; James B. Hill, $9.50; W. H. Rees, $30.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

Statements relative to the obligations against the water account, and the receipts on said account, as requested by resolutions of this Board, were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and the Water Registrar, and referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

A statement was also presented by the City Treasurer showing estimate of receipts and disbursements of the Water Department, from August 15, 1897, to April 30, 1898, at the request of the Committee on Finance, and the said statement was also received and referred to the Committee on Finance, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

From the Ravine Road Sewer Extension Commission:—

Jersey City, Jan. 5, 1898.

Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—I herewith submit to you, as required by the statute, requisition for fourth payment to Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine Road Sewer extension, in accordance with the estimate of the Engineer, amounting to the sum of six thousand seven hundred and forty-seven dollars and eighty-one cents ($6,747.81).

Also requisition in favor of R. D. Wood & Company, for two hundred and thirty dollars and seventy-two cents ($230.72) for special water pipe bends for crossing of twenty inch (20") mains at Jersey avenue and Fifteenth street and Monmouth street and Seventeenth street.

Also requisition in favor of Hugh Kelly for the sum of seventy-eight dollars ($78) for services as inspector on said improvement from November first to November thirtieth, both inclusive.

Also requisition in favor of Hugh Kelly, for the sum of seventy-eight dollars ($78) for services as inspector on said improvement from December first to December thirty-first, both inclusive, making a total requisition of seven thousand one hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty-three cents ($7,134.53).

Attached to the requisition is a certified copy of the Engineer's estimate and approved claim of Hugh Kelly.

Respectfully,

E. W. HARRISON,

President Ravine Road Sewer Commission.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Board of Tax Commissioners, to whom were referred the following petitions, returned the same to this Board, with the endorsement that the petitions should be returned to the City Collector, and that the tax should be collected:—

J. E. Cullen, Ann Bradt, C. L. Trowbridge, D. R. Lowrie, John B. Wande, John J. Peters and Patrick Malone.

The following resolutions, from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, were presented and received, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Fixing the designation of employment of the following persons employed at Belleville Station, without change in salary, from and after October 31, 1897:—

David Carr, watchman.

Peter Cosgrove, overseer of machinery.

John McCarthy, assistant overseer of machinery.

Henry Kulker, general caretaker.

(Adopted October 18, 1897.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of the employes of Belleville and High Service for the month of November, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,621.10.

(Adopted January 3, 1898.)

3. Awarding to M. T. Connolly the contract for the construction of a 42-inch brick oval main branch sewer in Hoboken avenue, from the Oakland avenue sewer to Thirteenth street if produced; through Thirteenth street if produced to Division street a 36-inch steel pipe sewer, and through Division street to Fifteenth street and through Fifteenth street, to and connecting with outlet to the Ravine Road sewer at Monmouth street a 42-inch steel pipe sewer (estimated cost, $22,385.75), in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895.

(Adopted January 3, 1898.)

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted January 3, 1898.)

5. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted December 29, 1897.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported, recommending that the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, be concurred in:—

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3. Awarding to M. T. Connolly the contract for the construction of a 42-inch brick oval main branch sewer in Hoboken avenue, from the Oakland avenue sewer to Thirteenth street, if produced, through Thirteenth street, if produced, to Division street, a 36-inch steel pipe sewer and through Division street to Fifteenth street, and through Fifteenth street to and connecting with the outlet to the Ravine Road sewer at Monmouth street a 42-inch steel pipe sewer (estimated cost, $22,385.75), in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 217, Laws of 1895.

(Adopted January 3, 1898.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam, and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$8.40 to the Evening Journal Association for publishing tax notice of City Collector, November 27, 1897.

$10.50 to the Evening Journal Association for publishing tax notice of City Collector, November 6, 1897.

(Chargeable to Contingencies Account.)

$106 to James F. Norton for fees as clerk, First Criminal Court, bill January 5, 1898.

(Chargeable to account fees First Criminal Court.)

$51 to John J. Nevin, for fees as Judge, Second Criminal Court, bill January 5, 1898.

$34 to James F. Norton, for fees as clerk, Second Criminal Court, bill, January 5, 1898.

(Chargeable to account fees Second Criminal Court.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$9.50 to James B. Hill, for printing for City Collector.

$30 to W. H. Rees, for typewriting for Board of Finance.

$22.50 to Wagner Typewriter Co. for oak cabinet (for typewriter), Board of Finance.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1897-1898.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None..

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Committee on Streets and Sewers of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners have requested the appropriating for use of said Board of the

amounts hereinafter named and for the purposes designated:—

$600 for the carting, etc., of stone on Tonnele avenue, St. Paul's avenue and Manhattan avenue.

$200 for the repairing of Franklin street steps.

$600 for the construction of a drain from the Erie Railroad crossing at Hoboken avenue to connect with Jersey avenue sewer.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the amounts as aforesaid to transfer said amounts from account "liquor license receipts" to "special street account," to be expended for the purposes set forth in the preamble under the direction of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to transfer the sum of $1,835 from the appropriation for "gas and oil lighting, printing, stationery," etc., to the credit of account "electric lighting," to pay claims contracted prior to December 1, 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $100,000, on account of county taxes, 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer, to be deposited to the credit of January, 1898, interest as follows:—

On general account, $5.14.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of F. J. Vanderbeek for $6 to return erroneous assessment for water rent, year 1897, on Lot W, Block 324, No. 282 Eleventh street, paid June 16, 1897; the water rents should have been charged for only four families, at $4, instead of $10.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Whereas, The City Collector, under recent legislation, has appointed a number of deputy collectors of personal taxes, for the collection of the personal taxes in arrears, upon percentage, thus doing away with the necessity of a special officer for that purpose;

Resolved, That from and after February 1, 1898, the salary of William C. Broas, as collector of personal taxes in arrears, be fixed at the sum of one hundred dollars per annum, in addition to such fees and dollarage as he may be entitled to for collections to be made by him under the supervision of the City Collector.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, This Board adopted at the meeting held April 29, 1897, the following resolution, to wit:—

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners have by resolution adopted April 16, 1897, requested the Board of Finance to supplement the appropriation heretofore made to this Board for street lighting, current fiscal year, by the sum of $10,000, which said sum is to be utilized for the liquidating of claims for gas and oil lighting for period covering the months of December, January and February last past, wherein the Jersey City Electric Light Company were unable to proceed with lighting of the streets of this city in accordance with a contract heretofore awarded to said company and during which it was necessary to continue the use of a greater number of gas and oil lamps than had been contracted for, and for the further purpose of applying any unexpended balance remaining after the liquidation of such claims to the extension of the electric light system;

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby appropriates the sum of $7,500 to be set aside for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the purposes as aforesaid to supplement the appropriation heretofore made to said Board for "street lighting," current fiscal year;

Resolved, That in order to provide for said amount a temporary loan bond or bonds be issued to the amount of $7,500, at a rate of interest not to exceed four per cent. per annum, and the proceeds of sale of said bond or bonds be set aside for the purposes above mentioned, and the payment of the same be provided for in the next tax levy; and

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners were unable to apply some $3,400 of said special appropriation to the extension of the electric light system;

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be directed to set aside $2,700 from said balance to a special fund, to be expended, under the direction of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, for additional electric lights, and the extension of the electric light system during the current year.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, January 19, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the adjourned meeting, January 5, 1898, at eleven o'clock A. M., and of regular meeting, January 5, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M., were approved as printed in manual form on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were each disposed of as follows:—

Petition of Anna Eulitz for the return of $1.45, inadvertently paid for taxes 1897-98.

Petition of E. Peynaud for the return of $25 for overcharge of water rents for year 1897.

Petition of Elizabeth Boughton for the return of $43.42 for duplicate payment of water rents for year 1896.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Petition of E. M. Gardner, for cancellation of amount of personal taxes, year 1896-97.

Referred to the Board of Tax Commissioners.

Invitation from the Robert Davis Association to attend the tenth annual invitation reception at Pohlmann's Hall on January 26, 1898.

Received and ordered filed and the invitation accepted.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committee:—

Robert B. Jordan, $40; Postal Tel. Cable Co., $1.55, $2.05 and $4.25; The N. Y. & N. J. Tel. Co., 30c; Frank Meyer, $26; Hamilton A Lush, $70; the N. J. Title Guarantee & Trust Co., $20; the Jersey City News, $2, $64 and $229.16; the Evening Journal Association, $229.16; Frank J. Higgins, $98; J. Herbert Potts, $147; Corbin & Corbin, $22.-183.25; John J. O'Hara, $66.25; George B. Fielder, $59.32; James B. Hill, $8.25, $8.25, $8 and $57.98.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following communications were presented and received and they were each disposed of as follows:—

From the Board of Tax Commissioners:—

Returning the petitions of John E. Stevens and D. W. J. Mahoney relative to assessment for taxes on personal property, with the endorsement that the assessments may be cancelled.

Referred to the Finance Committee.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Communication relative to the resolution concerning the reduction of the salary of William C. Broas, Collector of Arrears of Personal Taxes, from $1,200 per annum to $100 per annum, and informing the Board that he has signed the resolution.

Received and ordered filed.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, January 13, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I have received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for collection in my office the following assessment maps:—

Improvement Boyd avenue, Bergen avenue to Boulevard, amounting to $4,004 37

Improvement Danforth avenue, Ocean avenue to Garfield avenue, amounting to 2,963 75

Sewer Central avenue, Thorne street to Bowers street 2,303 91

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed.

From the Corporation Attorney:—

Jersey City, Jan. 18, 1898.

To the Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—A few days ago I had occasion to examine the minutes of your Board while preparing the defense to an action brought against the city. I was surprised to find that the minutes for several years were not written up.

I would recommend that steps be taken at once to have these minutes engrossed so that they may be available at any time.

The omission, so far as I have been able to observe, is not that of the present Clerk of your Board.

Respectfully yours,
W. P. DOUGLASS,
Corporation Attorney.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Corporation Attorney:—

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 12, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—In the matter of Michael J. O'Donnell vs. the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in which Mr. O'Donnell sued to recover salary at the rate of five thousand dollars per year from the time of his appointment in May last, instead of at the rate of four thousand dollars, which was the rate fixed the previous year.

Judge Lippincott held that his salary was at the rate of five thousand dollars per annum, and ordered judgment for $333.32, covering the difference for June, July, August and September.

It follows that Mr. O'Donnell is entitled to $83.33 per month for the months of October, November and December, and at the same rate for so much of the month of May as elapsed between his appoint-

ment and the first of June. I presume the amount of $37.64 for the balance due in May is correct.

I think your Board should pay Mr. O'Donnell the amount set forth in the enclosed claim, as under the judgment of the court he is entitled to receive the same.

Respectfully yours,
W. P. DOUGLASS,
Corporation Attorney.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Board of City Hall Commissioners:—

Jersey City, January 18, 1898.

Honorable Board of Finance, Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—The following is a copy of a resolution adopted by the Board of City Hall Commissioners of Jersey City at its meeting held January 12, 1898, and approved by His Honor the Mayor January 17, 1898.

Very respectfully,
GEORGE F. FARRELL,
Clerk.

Whereas, This Board retained $5,000 out of the monies due Richard English, under his contract, No. 136 A, pending a decision of the Court in the suit brought by Richard English against the City; and

Whereas, Notice has been received by this Board from the Board of Finance, that Richard English has obtained a judgment and costs against the City, amounting to $7,793.93 (damages $7,631.45, costs $162.48) for labor and materials used in the construction of the new City Hall; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be and they are hereby requested to direct the City Comptroller to set aside the said sum of $5,000, to be applied in part payment of judgment referred to above, which sum is to be drawn upon by said Board of Finance.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the trustees of Free Public Library:—

Jersey City, January 19, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—We hereby certify that we have by formal resolution determined that it is advisable to purchase lands and to erect a building thereon for the purpose of a Free Public Library; that in pursuance of said resolution we have heretofore obtained the consent of your honorable body to purchase certain property fronting on Montgomery street, Jersey avenue and Mercer street, which property is 52 feet on Montgomery street, 200 feet on Jersey avenue and 50 feet on Mercer street.

That we have paid for this property the sum of $47,500. That in addition to the said purchase it will be necessary for the Trustees to have a further sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of constructing upon such premises a suitable Free Public Library Building. We further certify that the total amount of monies and funds belonging to us as Trustees as aforesaid is the sum of $35,000, including the sum of $29,700 due to the Trustees from the city for the current year, all of which will be necessary for the maintenance of the said Library for the remainder of the said year.

We therefore respectfully request that your honorable Board authorize the issue of the bonds of Jersey City to the amount of $150,000 for the purpose of the erection of a Free Public Library Building upon the said premises.

LEONARD J. GORDON,
Pres't Board of Trustees,
Free Public Library.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Awarding contract to Charles O'Neil for improvement of Dwight street, from Ocean avenue to Garfield avenue (estimated cost, $3,049.76).

(Adopted January 10, 1898).

2. To adopt and file specifications for furnishing and delivering about 1,000 gross tons of bituminous coal at High Service Pumping station, and directing the Clerk to advertise for proposals in conformity therewith.

(Adopted January 10, 1898).

3. Awarding to M. J. Curley the contract for the improvement of Pavonia avenue from Chestnut avenue to Newark avenue (estimated cost, $4,318.48).

(Adopted January 10, 1898).

4. Ordering paid the salaries of employes, laying and repairing water pipe for the month of December, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $3,348.

(Adopted January 10, 1898).

5. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service for the month of December, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,853.56.

(Adopted January 10, 1898).

6. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent in the Water Department for the month of December, 1897, as per payroll, amounting to $1,438.

(Adopted January 10, 1898).

7. To confirm and order paid certain awards for damages sustained in the opening, extending, etc., of a street to be called Baldwin avenue, and awarding contract for the making of said improvement to C. B. Rodman, he being the lowest bidder, etc.

(Adopted January 17, 1898.)

8. Requesting Water Registrar to cancel the record of water rents on property,

block 735, lots 23, 24, 23 and 30 to 25, assessed against American Franco Co., $14.75, year 1897.

(Adopted January 17, 1898.)

9. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted January 17, 1898.)

The following resolution requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance was presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

10. Requesting the Board of Finance to order transferred certain balances of appropriations, fiscal year 1896-97, to an account to be known as "general claims" account.

(Adopted January 17, 1898.)

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then took a recess for ten minutes.

Upon the reassembling of the Board all the members of the Board were present, five (5) in number.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, through Mr. Bailey, Chairman, presented the following resolution, recommending that the said resolution be adopted:—

Resolved, That in accordance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act to authorize the establishment of Free Public Libraries in this State," aproved April 1, 1884, and the supplement thereto approved March 21, 1895, and the amendments thereof approved March 16, 1896, and the further supplement approved April 13, 1897, bonds of the city, to be designated "Free Public Library Bonds," to the amount of $150,000, be issued in the name of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, signed by the Mayor and City Clerk of Jersey City, and countersigned by the City Comptroller.

Resolved, That said bonds be made coupon bonds (exchangeable for registered bonds at the option of the holder), in denomination of $1,000 each, dated April 1, 1898, and be made payable April 1, 1928, in gold coin of the United States of America, of the present standard of weight and fineness, with interest at the rate of four (4) per cent. per annum, payable April 1 and October 1 in like gold coin.

Resolved, That the interest on said bonds shall be provided for as follows:—There shall be deducted from the annual appropriation to which the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library in Jersey City is entitled, for the support of Free Public Libraries, the sum of $3,000, the remaining $3,000 to be placed in the annual tax levy of said city.

Resolved, That a sinking fund be and the same is hereby created to pay off the principal of said $150,000 of "Free Public Library Bonds," hereby authorized to be issued by deducting from the annual appropriation to which the Board of Trustees of the Free Public Library in Jersey City is entitled, for the support of free public libraries, the sum of $1,500, and by inserting in the tax levy each year the sum of $1,500, this total sum of $3,000 to be placed in said sinking fund and so invested as to be available for the payment of said bonds when due.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Awarding contract to Charles O'Neill for the improvement of Dwight street, from Ocean avenue to Garfield avenue (estimated cost $3,049.76); and

To M. J. Curley for the improvement of Pavonia avenue, from Chestnut avenue to Newark avenue (estimated cost $4,318.48).

(Adopted January 10, 1898.)

2. To adopt and file specifications for furnishing and delivering about 1,000 gross tons of bituminous coal at High Service Pumping Station, and directing the Clerk to advertise for proposals in conformity therewith.

(Adopted January 10, 1898.)

3. Ordering paid the following salaries for the month of December, 1897, as per payrolls:—

General Superintendent, etc. (Water Department), amounting to $1,438; employes, laying and relaying water pipe, amounting to $3,348.

(Adopted January 10, 1898.)

4. To direct Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents of year 1897, on property situate in Block 735, Lots 23-24-23, Franklin street, and 30 to 25 Central avenue (American-Franco Co.), $14.75, erroneous assessment.

(Adopted January 17, 1898.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners January 10, 1898, to wit:—

Ordering paid the salaries of employes at the Belleville and High Service Pump-

ing Stations, for the month of December, 1897, as per payroll amounting to $1,853.56, except as to the following items:—

Peter Cosgrove, overseer of machinery, 38 days, monthly salary $90; amount ordered paid $111.

Henry Kulker, caretaker, 32 days, monthly salary $65; amount ordered paid $67.17.

Daniel Carpenter, engineer, 40 days, monthly salary $77; amount ordered paid $99.24.

Which are hereby non-concurred in for the reason that the amounts ordered paid are in excess of the sums fixed and concurred in by this Board as the regular salaries of the parties named respectively.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$24.75 to Rachel G. Butler, for typewriting for City Comptroller.

$59.32 to George B. Fielder, for recording city deeds.

$8.25 to James B. Hill, for map of Jersey City (mounted) for City Collector.

$8.25 to James B. Hill, for printing for City Clerk.

(Chargeable to account "Martin Act.")

$26 to Frank Meyer, for services rendered as Marshal to First District Court for December, 1897.

$70 to Hamilton A. Lush, for services as assistant to clerk of First District Court, for month of January, 1898, when due.

(Chargeable to account fees from District Courts.)

$229.16 to the Evening Journal Association, for publishing minutes in January, 1898.

$229.16 to the Jersey City News, for publishing official minutes in January, 1898.

(Chargeable to account publishing minutes.)

$20 to the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., for annual rent of safe, from January 14, 1898, to January 14, 1899.

$2.05 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for messenger service, to Mayor's office, for December, 1897.

$3 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for messenger service to Board of Finance, for December, 1897.

$1.55 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for messenger service to City Comptroller, for December, 1897.

$64 to the Jersey City News for printing manual pages, Board of Finance, pages 172-201, etc.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering payment of the salaries of the Mayor and others for the month of January, 1898, when due, amounting to $4,834.97.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$66.25 to John J. O'Hara, for printing and stationery for Board of Finance.

$8 to James B. Hill, for stationery supplies to City Collector.

$57.98 to James B. Hill for stationery supplies to Mayor's office.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, January 26, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the folowing vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of E. Peynaud for $25 to return amount erronously assessed for water rents, against lots "393, "394, Block 819, No. 144 South street, year 1897, and paid December 4, 1897, no charge for "Dyers" should have been made.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $43.42, in favor of Elizabeth Boughton, to return amount paid for water rents, November 1,

1897, on Lots 158, 159, Block 338, 229 and 231, Varick street, for year 1896, being duplicate of payment made October 4, 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That at the request of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners by resolution adopted January 17, 1898, the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to make the following transfers of unexpended balances of appropriations fiscal year, 1896-1897, account of Board of Street and Water Commissioners, to an account to be known as "General Claims Account."

Repairs to unpaved streets	$128 62
Public grounds and buildings.....	83 57
Insurance	187 54
Printing and stationery	33 50
Salaries, Commissioners and clerks	427 42
Cleaning streets and removing ashes and garbage	12
Cleaning sewers and basins.....	201 58
Total	$1,062 35

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer to pay salaries of members of the Board of Finance, as follows:—

Henry Brautigam, from October 24, 1897, to January 23, 1898, both inclusive, $125.

Henry L. Kellers, from October 24, 1897, to January 23, 1898, both inclusive, $125.

James S. Bailey, from October 24, 1897, to January 23, 1898, both inclusive, $125.

Reuben Simpson, from October 24, 1897, to January 23, 1898, both inclusive, $125.

William F. Midlige, for November and December, 1897, and January, 1898, $125.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, Judgments have been recovered against the city in favor of the following parties: M. J. O'Donnell, judgment $333.32, costs $40.81; Richard English, judgment $7,631.45, costs $162.48; and

Whereas, The City Hall Commissioners have requested that the City Comptroller be directed to set aside the sum of $5,000 (amount reserved pending suit) to be drawn upon by the Board of Finance to help pay the judgment of Richard English, above mentioned; and

Whereas, There is also due M. J. O'Donnell, balance of salary as City Clerk, for the months of May, October and November, 1897, amounting to $204.30.

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the following sums for the purposes mentioned:—

$2,793.93 to pay a part of judgment recovered by Richard English in the Hudson Circuit Court (including $162.48 costs), and $578.43 to pay judgment recovered in the N. J. Supreme Court for services rendered by M. J. O'Donnell, as City Clerk, in June, July, August and September, 1897 (judgment $333.32, and costs $40.81), and to pay balance due for May, October and November, 1897, $204.30; and

Resolved, That in order to provide said sums, temporary loan bonds be issued in the sum of $3,372.36, at a rate of interest not exceeding 4 per cent. per annum, which said sum is hereby ordered placed in the next tax levy; and

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in payment of the following claims against the city, and to be paid out of the monies realized from the sale of the bonds mentioned:—

$2,793.93 to Corbin & Corbin, for part payment of judgment in favor of Richard English (judgment $7,631.45, costs 162.48).

$578.43 to Wallis, Edwards & Bumsted, attorneys, for judgment in favor of M. J. O'Donnell ($333.32 judgment, $40.81 costs), and balance of salary for services as City Clerk in May, 1897, $37.64, and October and November, 1897, $166.66; and

Resolved, That the warrants above mentioned shall not be delivered by the City Clerk until proper satisfaction pieces shall have first been filed.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Judgment was recovered against the city by Richard English in the Hudson Circuit Court in the sum of $7,793.93 (including $162.48 costs); and

Whereas, The Board of City Hall Commissioners have requested that the City Comptroller be directed to set aside the sum of $5,000 (which amount was reserved by said Board, pending the suit of said English), to be drawn upon by the Board of Finance to pay part of the above judgment; therefore,

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $5,000 in favor of Corbin & Corbin, attorneys, to help pay the judgment recovered by Richard English, in the Hudson Circuit Court, amounting to $7,793.93 (including $162.48 costs), and that said amount of $5,000 be paid out of a like sum herein ordered to be set aside at the request of the Board of City Hall Commissioners, to meet the above judgment, etc., the payment of the balance of the judgment ($2,793.93) having been provided for in a resolution passed this date; and, further,

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and is hereby directed to set aside the said $5,000, to be applied as above.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Wednesday, January 26, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

PETITIONS, ETC.,

Petition of Jacob J. Detwiller, for the return of $28.79, for duplicate payment of taxes, year 1897-98.

Petition of James F. Blackshaw, for the cancellation of certain personal taxes.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Communication from F. Herterich, relative to the petition received at a previous meeting, for the return of certain moneys paid in purchase of certain property.

Referred to the City Comptroller.

Resolutions adopted at a meeting in the Twelfth Ward of Jersey City, requesting the proper authorities to increase fire alarm facilities of the city.

Received and ordered filed.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:

The Jersey City News, $8.40; M. A. Lannon, $5.10.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The Board of Tax Commissioners, to whom was referred the petition of E. M. Gardner, January 19, 1898, returned the same, with the certificate that "this is a matter for the City Collector to investigate."

Refered to the City Collector.

From the Board of Education:—

Preamble and resolutions (adopted January 13, 1898) by the Board of Education presented, received and referred to the Committee of the Whole, as follows:—

Whereas, The Board of Education has for a long time been cognizant of the following facts regarding the High School, namely:—That the rooms occupied for twenty-five years, on the third and fourth floors of School No. 5, and which were originally intended to accommodate 250 pupils, have long been entirely inadequate, the present enrollment being 650.

That although the school enrollment throughout the city has increased from 9,000 in 1872 to more than 22,000 at the present time, and other primary and grammar schools have been erected from time to time, very little provision has been made for the constant growth of the High School.

That with the constant rapid increase in the number of pupils in primary and grammar schools, the demands for admission to the High School are also increasing so rapidly that immediate relief is imperative; otherwise, it will be necessary to refuse admission to the High School to pupils qualified to enter.

That, because it has been impossible, owing to the character of the building and the limited space, to provide the school with the facilities for instruction which approved educational methods demand, the efficiency of the instruction has been impaired.

That the teachers and pupils of the school are deprived of the ordinary conveniences which teachers and pupils of other schools enjoy, and which a due regard for their comfort and health demands.

That owing to the inadequacy of the facilities and to the discomforts by which the pupils are surrounded, many pupils decline to enter the High School, or leave the school shortly after entering.

That, because High School instruction not only confers direct benefits upon those who receive it, but is also of the utmost value to the community at large, and because those who are to become teachers in the primary and grammar schools must depend upon the High School for their scholastic training, in order that the standard of both the High School and the grammar and primary schools may be maintained, it is the duty of this Board to supply, by the erection of a new High School building, the facilities for making this instruction as thorough and as efficient as possible; and

Whereas, If a new High School building is erected, the rooms now occupied by the High School can be used for the reception of grammar and primary pupils for whom there is urgent need of additional room in the vicinity of the present High School building; and

Whereas, This Board has recognized the priority of the claims of the younger pupils, those who need the instruction given in the primary and grammar schools, by providing for the erection of a new school No. 1, an addition to No. 20,, and five other new schools, which when finished, will accommodate about three thousand additional pupils; therefore

Resolved, That School No. 5, on Bay street, in which the High School is located, is inadequate and unsuitable for High School purposes; and be it further

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be and they are hereby requested to appropriate the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, for the purchase of land and the erection thereon of a suitable High School building and the furnishing of the same.

The follwing resolutions requiring the concurence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Ordering paid the salaries of Water Registrar, etc., for the month of January,

1898, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $3,586.86.

(Adopted January 24, 1898.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of laborers on meters, for the month of January, 1898, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $540.

(Adopted January 24, 1898.)

3. Whereas, A claim for water furnished to township of Kearny for the six months ending August 10, 1896, remains as yet unpaid, pending an adjustment of same.

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be and is hereby authorized to adjust said bill on the basis of a reduction of 10%, provided payment therefor is tendered before February 10, 1898.

(Adopted January 24, 1898.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. To confirm and order paid certain awards for damages sustained in the opening, extending, etc., of a street to be called Baldwin avenue, and awarding contract for the making of said improvement to C. B. Rodman, he being the lowest bidder, etc.

Adopted January 17, 1898.

2. Ordering paid the following salaries for the month of January, 1898, when due, as per payrolls:—

Water Registrar, etc., amounting to $3,586.86.

Laborers on meters, amounting to $540.

(Adopted January 24, 1898.)

3. Whereas, A claim for water furnished to Township of Kearny, for the six months ending August 10, 1896, remains as yet unpaid, pending an adjustment of the same;

Resolved, That the Water Registrar be and he is hereby authorized to adjust said bill on the basis of a reduction of 10 per cent., provided payment therefor is tendered before February 10, 1898.

(Adopted January 24, 1898.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The Commission for the reconstruction and extension of the Ravine Road sewer, acting under the provisions of "An act to provide for the reconstruction of main outlet sewers heretofore constructed at the joint expense of two cities," approved March 18, 1890 (General Statutes, pages 618, etc.) and the supplements thereto have issued requisitions on this Board for the following bills incurred in the performance of said work.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the following amounts for the following purposes in connection with the work of said Commission:—

1. To Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine Road sewer extension, for the sum of six thousand, seven hundred and forty-seven dollars and eighty-one ($6,747.81), being fourth payment under his contract.

2. To R. D. Wood & Company, for the sum of two hundred and thirty dollars and seventy-two cents ($230.72) for special water pipe bends for crossing of twenty inch (20") mains at Jersey avenue and Fifteenth and Monmouth street and Seventeenth street.

3. To Hugh Kelly, for the sum of seventy-eight ($78) dollars for services as inspector on said sewer, from November 1 to November 30, both inclusive.

4. To Hugh Kelly, for the sum of seventy-eight ($78) dollars for services as inspector on said sewer, from December 1 to December 31, both inclusive, making a total payment of seven thousand, one hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty-three cents ($7,134.53).

Resolved, That in order to raise the moneys required for such payment, the said sum of seven thousand, one hundred and thirty-four dollars and fifty-three cents ($7,134.53) be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of the assessment to be made for the reconstruction of said sewer, and that bonds of the city, under the seal of the city, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and counersigned by the City Comptroller, be issued for that amount in such denominations as may be fixed by the Committee on Finance of this Board, and to be due and payable January 1, 1901, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable half yearly on the first days of January and July in each year; and be it further

Resolved, That said bonds be sold under the direction of the Committee on Finance of this Board at not less than par and accrued interest, and that the proceeds thereof be appropriated for the payment of the warrants above mentioned; and be it further

Resolved, That all assesments col-

lected upon said improvement be and they are pledged to the redemption and payment of the bonds issued and to be issued for such improvement.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, Charles A. Van Keuren was recently appointed Acting Chief Engineer, and no steps have as yet been taken to require him to furnish a bond in such sum as this Board may fix; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be and are hereby requested to notify the Board of Finance of the appointment of Charles A. Van Keuren, as Acting Chief Engineer, and to request that the Board of Finance fix the amount of his bond.

By Mr. Kelly, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to be deposited to the credit of February, 1898, interest, as follows:—

On general account	$50,140 00
On water account	14,625 00
Total	$64,765 00

By Mr. Simpson:—

Whereas, It was represented by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, when the eight persons were appointed to reassess this city for water rents, that a large revenue to the city would result from such a re-assessment, and with the assurance from said Board that the work would proceed at once and be carefully made and completed within the time fixed, the Board of Finance, on December 1 last, concurred in the resolution to fix the salaries of the parties so to be employed at $75 per month each, term of service to end with May 1, 1898, and as this Board expects the present deficit in the water account to be largely reduced by the receipts on account of said reassessment; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be and are hereby requested to inform this Board as to what progress has been made in the work of re-assessment, the amount of territory already gone over, the amount of increase over the present water rents obtained through said work, and an estimate of the amount of increase for the territory not yet gone over.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer, in favor of Jacob J. Detwiller, for $28.79, for duplicate payment of taxes for year 1897-98, on lot 59, block 1,368, 136 Linden avenue, paid December 9, 1897, being duplicate of payment made December 8, 1897.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, The books of the City Collector show an assessment for personal tax against James F. Blackshaw, for building, No. 184 Monticello avenue, new block No. 1,918, lot D, for year 1896-97; and

Whereas, By the certificate of the Tax Commissioner it is shown that the said assessment against James F. Blackshaw for personal tax, on block 1,918, lot D, for year 1896-97, is an error and should be cancelled; therefore

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel upon his books the assessment against James F. Blackshaw, for personal tax on lot D, block 1,918, for year 1896-97, said assessment being an error as certified to by the Tax Commissioners.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Wednesday, February 2, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Kellers—1.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the regular meeting, January 19 and the adjourned regular meeting, January 26, 1898, were approved as printed in manual form on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were each referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims:

Petition of David B. Day, for cancellation of assessment for personal taxes, 1896-97.

Petition of Alexander Rider, for cancellation of assessment for personal taxes, years 1895-96, and 1896-97, at No. 245 Third street.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

John J. Nevin, $144; James F. Norton, $96; Frank Meyer, $25; T. Y. Brown, $42; M. A. Lennon, $11.40; George B. Fielder, $32.55; Edgar A. Vreeland, $161.32; Corbin & Corbin, $51.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Board of Tax Commissioners:—

Requesting that the City Collector cancel the assessment for taxes on lot 26, block 845, and to describe lot 25 as lot 26, year 1896-7.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

The following resolutions, requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, were received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and disposed of as follows:—

1. Requesting Board of Finance to set aside $10,000 for the purpose of liquidating claims for advertising, on account of Chapters 217 and 289, Laws of 1895, the amount heretofore allowed said Board for such purposes having been exhausted.

(Adopted January 31, 1898.)

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

2. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on property situate on block 807, lot 17, Leonard street, assessed to P. Pingeon for year 1897—$5.70—no water having been used.

(Adopted January 31, 1898.)

3. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted January 31, 1898.)

Referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners January 17, 1897, relative to the opening and extending, etc., of a street to be called Baldwin avenue, and ordering paid certain awards for damages sustained, reported recommending that the said resolution be referred to the Corporation Counsel and City Comptroller.

The resolution was referred as recommended.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on property situate in Block 807, lot 17, Leonard street, assessed to P. Pingeon, for $5.70, for year 1897, no water having been used.

The report was received and the resolution was concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Kellers—1.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims to whom was presented by Mary J. Tuite, tax bill for year 1892, requesting that certain interest be deducted from said bill, reported recommending that the Clerk of this Board communicate with the said Mary J. Tuite, informing her that this Board has no power in the matter.

Report was received and adopted.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims further reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$5.10 to M. A. Lennon, for typewriting for Corporation Attorney.

$161.32 to Edgar A. Vreeland, for salary due as City Marshal from May 18 to December 1, 1897, difference between salary claimed at $1,500 per year and amount paid at $1,200 per year.

$2 to the Jersey City News for printing copies of brief, case Jansen vs. Jersey City and Richard English.

$26.20 to the N. Y. and N. J. Tel. Co. for exchange service January 1 to March 31, 1898, and tolls September 1 to December 1, 1897, City Treasurer's office.

$5.75 to the N. Y. and N. J. Tel Co. for exchange service, January 1 to March 31, 1898, City Collector's office.

30 cents to the N. Y. and N. J. Tel. Co. for telephone service, September 1 to December 1, 1897, Board of Finance.

Chargeable to claims account.

$21.40 to the N. Y. and N. J. Tel. Co. for exchange service at office of N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., January 1 to March 31, 1898, and tolls for September 1 to December 1, 1897, office City Comptroller.

(Chargeable $12.50 to account Martin act and $8.90 to account claims.)

$25.04 to George B. Fielder for register-

ing city deeds (chargeable $18.50 to account Martin act and $6.54 to account claims).

$32.55 to George B. Fielder for recording city deeds.

$42 to T. Y. Brown, for verifying and making diagrams of certain parcels of land bought by the city at several tax sales.

$11.40 to M. A. Lennon, for drawing petitions in Martin Act cases for Corporation Attorney.

(Chargeable to account "Martin Act.")

$25 to Frank Meyer, for services as Marshall to First District Court for month of January, 1898.

(Chargeable to account fees, First District Court.)

$98 to Frank J. Higgins, for fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court for December, 1897.

$147 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court, for December, 1897.

$144 to John J. Nevin, for fees as Judge, First Criminal Court, for January, 1898.

$96 to James F. Norton, for fees as Clerk First Criminal Court, for January, 1898.

(Chargeable to account fees, First Criminal Court.)

$76 to Frank J. Higgins, for fees as Clerk, Second Criminal Court, for November, 1897.

$114 to J. Herbert Potts, for fees as Judge, Second Criminal Court, for November, 1897.

(Chargeable to account fees, Second Criminal Court.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Kellers—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes— President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Kellers—1.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, The Board of Tax Commissioners have petitioned this Board by communication received this date to order cancelled the assessment for the taxes, year 1896-97, on lot 26, block 845, and to describe lot 25, in same block, as lot 26, for the reason that the assessment made was an error, as follows:—

Lot 25, valuation $600, and lot 26, valuation $300 (lot 25 should have only been assessed, and lot 26, being a duplicate assessment, should have been cancelled); therefore,

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel the assessment for taxes on lot 26, block 845, for the year 1896-97, and to describe lot 25 as lot 26.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record the assessment against David B. Day for personal taxes, year 1896-97, on premises No. 71 Crescent avenue, block 1,927, amounting to $14.70, for the reason that the assessment as against said David B. Day is an error, as certified to by the Tax Commissioners.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $40 in favor of Robert B. Jordan to pay claim presented to this Board January 19, 1898, for services as assistant messenger to City Collector for the month of December, 1897, amount payable out of account claims, fiscal year 1897-98.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, February 16, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Keilers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the regular meeting, February 2, 1898, were approved as engrossed in the minute book on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented, received and disposed of as follows:—

Petition of Fardy O'Grady, for the return of $4 for overcharge for water rents, 1897.

Petition of Haas & Ullman, for a reduction of assessment for personal taxes, year, 1895-1896.

Petition of McGee, Bedle & Bedle, attorneys of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company, for the cancellation of assessment for taxes for year, 1894, on property designated as block 332, part of block not used for railroad purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Petition of Randolph, Condict & Black, attorneys of the Commercial Investment Building and Loan Association of Jersey City, concerning the sale by the city of lot 14, block 563, fronting on Garfield avenue, for the taxes of 1889, etc.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from the League of American Municipalities, addressed to City Clerk, requesting him to submit to Board of Finance the papers therewith enclosed.

Referred to the Committee of the Whole on motion of Mr. Simpson.

Communication from Wallis, Edwards & Bumsted, requesting payment of judgment recovered against the city in favor of Fagan Iron Works:—

Damages	$4,261.81
Costs	48.52
Total	$4,310.33

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

H. A. Lush, $70; The Evening Journal Association, $229.16; The Jersey City News, $30 and $229.16; Frank Stevens, $16.95; Randolph Perkins, $42.50; N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., $490.25, $498.05 and $498; George B. Fielder, $50.85; Robert Jordan, $40; Postal Tel. Cable Co., 90 cents, $4.60 and $1.15; John J. O'Hara, $26.30; James B. Hill, $77.77, $11.16 and $92; Albert Datz, $162; J. Herbert Potts, $81; Frank J. Higgins, $54.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From His Honor Edward Hoos:—

Jersey City, N. J., Feb. 14, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—As I desire that all claims paid for out of the treasury of Jersey City shall be as explicit as possible, I hereby request that, should any claim for "incidentals" be presented to your honorable body in the future, you exercise great care to see that such claims are carefully itemized.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Received and ordered spread in full upon the minutes by direction of the President.

From the Board of Tax Commissioners:—

Communication requesting that the assessments on Lot 5, Block 2,086, Johnston avenue, at a valuation of $300, be cancelled for year 1896-97.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, Feb. 7, 1898.

Honorable Board of Finance, Jersey City.

Gentlemen—Herewith I transmit for your consideration and orders Schedule No. 1, containing a list of lots, pieces and parcels of land in the First and Second wards of the city, on which taxes and assessments remain "unpaid for the space of two years, from and after the time when due and payable," as per Section thirteen (13), Chapter 112, Laws of 1886, and supplements thereto (called the Martin Act).

Yours truly,

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, Feb. 7, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:

Gentlemen—This is to certify that I have received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for collection in my office the following assessment maps:—

Sewer, Bright street, 150 feet west of Brunswick street, to Monmouth street	$2,517 50
Sewer, West Side avenue, Belmont avenue to Duncan avenue, with laterals	9,597 50
Sewer, Third street, Brunswick street to 300 feet west of Merseles street	6,933 00
Improvement, Tuers avenue, Newkirk street to Vroom street	3,105 50
Improvement, Manning avenue, Grand street to Johnson avenue	3,339 05
Improvement, Jewett avenue, Bergen avenue to Boulevard	3,003 33
Improvement, Harmon street, Garfield avenue to Grand street	3,390 00

Improvement, Magnolia avenue, Waldo avenue to lands of Penn. R. R. Co..... 9,604 02
Improvement, Boyd avenue, Boulevard to West Side avenue..... 4,818 18
Improvement, St. Paul's avenue, Summit avenue to Tonnele avenue 5,453 76
Opening and extension of Jackson place, Old Bergen Road to Boulevard 2,954.60
Main sewer Mill Creek, Grand street to Merseles street, etc... 15,739.45

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Received and ordered filed.

From the City Hall Commissioners:—

Communication concerning payment of judgment recovered by Fagan Iron Works for $4,310.33 against the city.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent, etc., for the month of January, 1898, as per pay roll, amounting to $1,445.75.

(Adopted February 7, 1898.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service for the month of January, 1898, as per pay roll, amounting to $1,757.20.

(Adopted February 7, 1898.)

3. Ordering paid the salaries of employes, laying and repairing water pipe, for the month of January, 1898, as per payroll, amounting to $2,549.75.

(Adopted February 7, 1898.)

4. Fixing the salary of the Water Assessor appointed this day at $2,000 per annum, payable monthly (James McGrath).

(Adopted February 14, 1898.)

5. Awarding to The Sheridan & Shea Company the contract for the improvement of Henry street, from Waldo avenue to Chestnut avenue (in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895), estimated cost $2,549.15.

(Adopted February 14, 1898.)

6. Ordering paid claim of W. W. Farrier, amounting to $88.

(Adopted February 14, 1898.)

The following resolution was also received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Finance.

7. Requesting Board of Finance to augment the appropriation for Engineering Bureau supplies by the sum of $500.

(Adopted February 7, 1898.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Ordering paid the salaries of General Superintendent, etc. (Water Department) for the month of January, 1898, as per payroll, amounting to $1,445.75.

(Adopted February 7, 1898.)

2. Awarding to The Sheridan & Shea Company the contract for the improvement of Henry street, from Waldo avenue to Chestnut avenue (in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 217 of the Laws of 1895), estimated cost $2,549.15.

(Adopted February 14, 1898.)

3. Fixing the salary of the Water Assessor, appointed this day, at $2,000 per annum, payable monthly (James McGrath.)

(Adopted February 14, 1898.)

4. Ordering paid the following claims:—

December 13, 1897:—

Brinckman & Hauck, $19.95.

December 29, 1897:—

Patrick Sherry, $26; C. C. Vermeule, $1,000; Garwood Ferris, $1,000.

January 31, 1898:—

Thomas Holmes, $4; F. J. Mittricker, $12.84; Adam Lonie, $18; John O'Rourke, $19.50; B. O'Rourke, $24; B. McCarthy, $22; P. Burns, $15.19; George Burns, $19.50; Peter Guilfoyle, $30.80; A. Moorehouse, $30.80; J. W. Cummings & Co., $176.40 and $90.24.

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, February 7, 1898, to wit:—

"Ordering paid the salaries of employes at Belleville and High Service Pumping Stations, for the month of January, 1898, as per pay roll, amounting to $1,757.20, except as to the following items, which are hereby non-concurred in, for the reason that the amounts ordered paid to the parties named are in excess of the amounts heretofore fixed as their respective monthly salaries:—

Daniel H. Carpenter, engineer, 40 days, $99.40; fixed monthly salary, $77.

William Stivers, engineer, 32 days, $79.48; fixed monthly salary, $77.

Patrick Flynn, fireman, 32 days, $61.94; fixed monthly salary, $60.

John Murphy, fireman, 32 days, $61.94; fixed monthly salary, $60.

Thomas Coyle, general workman, 32 days, $61.94; fixed monthly salary, $60.

The report was received, and the resolution was adopted by the following vote

on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$70 to Hamilton A. Lush, for services as assistant to Clerk, First District Court, for month of February, 1898, when due.

(Chargeable to account fees, District Courts.)

$229.16 to the Evening Journal Association for advertising minutes in February, 1898.

$229.16 to the Jersey City News for publishing minutes in February, 1898.

(Chargeable to account publishing minutes.)

$16.95 to Frank Stevens, for commissions on collections of rents from property purchased by the city at Martin Act sales, for quarter ending September 30, 1897.

(Chargeable to account Martin Act rents.)

$42.50 to Randolph Perkins, for drawing deeds and taking acknowledgments thereon (bill February 2, 1898).

$490.25 to N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., for searches and disbursements in certain titles.

$498.05 to N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., for searches and disbursements in certain titles.

$498 to N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., for searches and disbursements in certain titles.

(Chargeable to account Martin Act.)

$51 to Corbin & Corbin, attorneys for Richard English, for interest on judgment of Richard English against the city, from December 17, 1897, to January 27, 1898.

$40 to Robert Jordan for services rendered as assistant messenger in office of City Collector, for January, 1898.

90 cents to Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for messenger service to Mayor's office, for month of January, 1898.

$4.60 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for messenger service to Board of Finance, for month of January, 1898.

$1.15 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for messenger service to City Comptroller, for month of January, 1898.

(Chargeable to account Claims.)

$50.58 to George B. Fielder for recording city deeds.

(Chargeable, $48.35 to account Martin act and $2.50 chargeable to account Claims, 1897-1898.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported, recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the salaries of the Mayor and others for the month of February, 1898, when due, amounting to $4,743.33.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$162 to Albert Datz, for printing and stationery for City Collector.

$26.30 to John J. O'Hara, for stationery supplies to Board of Finance.

$30 to the Jersey City News, for printing manual slips for Board of Finance, pages 202-216.

$77.77 to James B. Hill, for printing and stationery for City Collector.

$11.16 to James B. Hill, for stationery supplies to City Collector.

$92 to James B. Hill for printing for City Comptroller.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when we adjourn it be to meet on Wednesday, February 23, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The commission for the reconstruction and extension of the Ravine Road sever, acting under the provisions of "An act to provide for the reconstruction of main outlet sewers heretofore constructed at the joint expense of two cities," approved March 18, 1890 (General Statutes, pages 618, etc.), and the supplements thereto, have issued requisitions on this Board for the following bills incurred in the performance of said work.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the following amounts for the following pur-

poses in connection with the work of said commission:—

1. To Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine Road sewer extension for the sum of seven thousand, three hundred and fifty-three dollars and sixty-five cents ($7,353.65), being fifth payment under his contract.

2. To Hugh Kelly, for the sum of eighty-one dollars ($81) for services as inspector on said sewer, from January 1 to January 31, both inclusive, making a total payment of seven thousand, four hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-five cents ($7,434.65).

Resolved, That in order to raise the moneys required for such payments, the said sum of seven thousand, four hundred and thirty-four dollars and sixty-five cents ($7,434.65) be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of the assessment to be made for the reconstruction of said sewer, and that bonds of the city, under the seal of the city, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk and countersigned by the City Comptroller, be issued for that amount. in such denominations as may be fixed by the Committee on Finance of this Board, and to be due and payable January 1, 1901, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable half yearly on the first days of January and July in each year; and be it further

Resolved, That said bonds be sold under the direction of the Committee on Finance of this Board at not less than par and accrued interest, and that the proceeds thereof be appropriated for the payment of warrants above mentioned; and be it further

Resolved, That all assessments collected upon said improvement be and they are pledged to the redemption and payment of the bonds issued and to be issued for such improvement.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That in compliance with the request made by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, by resolution adopted February 7, 1898, the Board of Finance hereby appropriates the sum of $500 to augment the present appropriation for "Engineering Bureau supplies"; this sum being estimated as necessary to carry on the department of engineering during the present fiscal year, on account of expenses in reorganization of said bureau, and in order to provide for said sum of $500 the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to borrow said sum on temporary loan bond or bonds, at a rate of interest not to exceed 4 per cent. per annum, which amount of $500 is hereby ordered placed in the next tax levy; and

Resolved, That the amount so borrowed shall be added by the City Comptroller to the appropriation already made to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, to pay the expenses of the Engineering Bureau, fiscal year 1897-98.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the sum of $4,310.33 to pay the following judgment recovered in the New Jersey Supreme Court against the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City:—

Fagan Iron Works, damages	$4,261 81
Costs	48 52
Total	$4,310 33

No provisions having been made in the monies appropriated to the City Hall Commissioners to pay said claim, and in order to raise said sum of $4,310.33 the Committee on Finance are hereby authorized to issue temporary loan bonds in that amount at a rate of interest not to exceed four per cent per annum, the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be used for the payment of the above judgment and costs of court;

Resolved, That the said sum of $4,310.33 be and is hereby ordered placed in the next tax levy; and further

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of Wallis, Edwards & Bumsted, attorneys of the Fagan Iron Works for $4,310.33 to pay the following judgment recovered in the New Jersey Supreme Court, and costs of court:—

Fagan Iron Works, judgment....	$4,261 81
Costs	48 52
Total	$4,310 33

To be paid out of the monies as herein provided for; and

Resolved, That the City Clerk be directed to delived said warrant only upon the filing of a proper satisfaction piece.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed and empowered to forthwith advertize and sell, in the manner provided by Section 13, Chapter 112, of the Laws of 1886, and the supplements and amendments thereto, all lands and real estate in Jersey City, whereon the taxes and assessments in the First and Second Wards of said city have remained unpaid for the space of two (2) years, from date of confirmation of said taxes and assessments, as appear on schedule No. 1, submitted by the City Collector, with his communication, dated February 7, 1898, and received by this Board this day, and which taxes and assessments have not been adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of the Treasurer of the Free Public Library, in Jersey City, for the sum of $25,-779.87, the same being on account of $29,-

779.87, the amount placed in the tax levy for the fiscal year 1897-1898, for "Free Public Library."

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Section 5, Chapter 289, Laws of 1895, temporary loan bonds to the amount of $97,414.50 be and the same are hereby authorized to be issued; said bonds to be payable on demand, with interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be used for the payment of certain awards for damages sustained in the opening, extending and changing as to boundaries and improving by grading, curbing, flagging, etc., of a street to be called Baldwin avenue.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, The Board of Tax Commissioners have petitioned this Board by communication received February 16, 1898, to order cancelled the assessment for the taxes, year 1896-97, on Lot 5, Block 2,086, (old Block 343), Johnston avenue, assessed for said year at a valuation of $300.00, for the reason that the said assessment is a duplicate, and is included in Lot 5, Block 2,086, Grand street, which is assessed at $500.00.

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel the assessment on Lot 5, Block 2,086, Johnston avenue, of $300.00 for the year 1896-97, said assessment being a duplicate.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the amount of $27.40 paid in error on Lot No. 3 (new number), Block 752½, on January 7, 1897, by Nevin & Co., for taxes, year 1896, be applied to that extent to the payment of the taxes for same year, amounting to $54.80, on Lot No. 1 (new number), Block 752, no encumbrances, &c., having been placed on Lot 3 (new number) Block 752½, since the above payment was made.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer for $4.00 in favor of Fardy O'Grady, for over payment of water rents for year 1897, on Lots 35 and 36, Block 1,418, Neptune avenue, paid February 7, 1898, said payment being an overcharge for extra families, as certified to by the Water Registrar.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, A further requisition having been made by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, by resolution adopted January 31, 1898, for the sum of $10,000, to liquidate claims for advertising, etc., on account of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., of the Laws of 1895, the amount heretofore appropriated to the said Board of Street and Water Commissioners having been expended; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby appropriates the sum of $10,000 to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, to be used in paying claims for advertising, etc., under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., Laws of 1895, the amount heretofore appropriated for such purpose having been exhausted; and in order to raise said sum the Committee on Finance is hereby authorized to issue temporary loan bonds in the sum of $10,000, at a rate of interest not to exceed four per cent. per annum, the proceeds from the sale of said bonds to be set aside for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to pay claims for advertising, etc., under the provisions of Chapters 217 and 289, etc., Laws of 1895.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The ninth section of the "Terms and conditions of sale" of fourth public auction sale of real estate held June 16 and 23, 1897, reads "In case the amount bid shall be less than the amount due to the city with interest on the day of sale, the sale as made shall be subject to the approval of the Mayor of the city"; and

Whereas, The Mayor has refused to approve of the sale of certain pieces of property for the amount bid; therefore be it

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer to return amounts paid by purchasers at said sale held June 16 and 23, 1897, as follows:—

To Jacob Diehl (Absolute Sale Book, page 15), Lots 7, 8, Block 608, deposit	$15 00
Auctioneer's fee (2 parcels)	6 00
Total	$21 00
To Joseph J. Scott (page 27), Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, Block 591, deposit	$40 00
Auctioneer's fee (4 parcels)	12 00
Total	$52 00
To William G. Bumsted (page 38), Lots 33 to 50, Block 590, deposit	36 00
Auctioneer's fee (18 parcels)	54 00
Total	$90 00
To Henry Lembeck (page 47), Lots 5 to 33, Block 673, deposit	$266 80
Auctioneer's fee (29 parcels)	87 00
Total	$353 80
To Joseph J. Scott (page 48), Lots Part 46 to 48, Block 673, deposit	$138 00
Auctioneer's fee (23 pieces)	69 00
Total	$207 00
To Henry Lembeck (pages 68 and 69), Lots Part 63 to 65, 36 to 47, Block 674, deposit	$113 40
Auctioneer's fee (15 pieces)	45 00
Total	$158 40

To Robert Davis (pages 68 and 69), Lots Parts 66, 67, 68, 48 to 59, Block 674, deposit $113 40
Auctioneer's fee (15 pieces)..... 45 00

Total $158 40

To A. Hauck (pages 68 and 69), Lots Part 62, 60, 61, Block 674, deposit $21 00
Auctioneer's fee (3 pieces)..... 9 00

Total $30 00

To Elizabeth Hall (pages 104 and 105), Lots G and F2, Block 218, deposit $27 00
Auctioneer's fee (2 pieces)..... 6 00

Total $33 00

To W. E. Boardman (page 115), Lots S½4, S½5, Block 977, deposit $8 00
Auctioneer's fee (2 parcels) 6 00

Total $14 00

To Henry Byrne (page 134), Lots 28 to 31, 43 to 46, Block 672, deposit $11 20
Auctioneer's fee (8 parcels)..... 24 00

Total $35 20

To Robert Davis (page 135), Lots 22 to 27, 47 to 52, Block 672, deposit $33 60
Auctioneer's fee (12 parcels)..... 36 00

Total $69 60

To Robert Davis (page 136), lots 17 to 21, 53 to 57, Block 672, deposit.. $26 00
Auctioneer's fee (ten parcels)..... 30 00

Total..... $56 00

To William R. Waters (pages 137, 138 and 139), Lots 11 to 16, 58 to 63, 3 to 10, part 64 E, part 65 E, W. Part 64, W. Part 67, Block 672, deposits $84 80
Auctioneer's fee (twenty-four parcels)..... 72 00

Total $156 80

To Frederick William Meyer (page 153), lots 50 to 53, block 633, deposit $36 00
Auctioneer's fee (four parcels)..... 12 00

Total $48.00

And be it further resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum or $513, to transfer said amount from adjusted lien account to special general account for the purpose of returning to purchasers at sales held June 16 and 23, 1897, of the amount of auctioneer's fees paid by said purchasers on sales not approved by the Mayor.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, February 23, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Kellers—1.

The regular order of business was then taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Petition of Mary Connor for the return of certain water rents.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

International Bank Note Co., $240 and $450; M. A. Lennon, $12.60; George Van Horn, $26.10; Albert Datz, $23.50, $33.90 and $2.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The Board of Tax Commissioners to whom was referred the petition of Alexander Rider, returned the said petition with the following endorsement: "Recommend that the petition be referred to the City Collector for investigation," and the same was received and referred back to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

The following resolutions were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. Ordering cancelled of record certain water rents.

(Adopted February 21, 1898).

2. Ordering paid the salaries of the Water Registrar, etc., in the Water Department for the month of February, 1898, when due, as per payroll, amounting to $3,500.46.

(Adopted February 21, 1898).

3. Ordering paid the salaries of laborers on meters for the month of February, 1898, when due, as per pay roll, amounting to $475.

(Adopted February 21, 1898).

4. Directing the Water Registrar to reduce the assessment for water rents on certain property.

(Adopted February 21, 1898).

5. Adopting specifications for furnishing and delivering cast iron water pipe, and directing Clerk to advertise for bids.

(Adopted February 21, 1898).

6. Awarding to James Coyle the contract to furnish and deliver about 1,000 gross tons of bituminous coal at High Service Pumping Station, at $2.57, per gross ton, he being the lowest bidder, etc.

(Adopted February 21, 1898).

The following resolution was also presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

7. Requesting Board of Finance to appropriate $2,500 to immediately repair the sewer in Montgomery street, from 75 feet east of Greene street to Washington street.

(Adopted February 21, 1898.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:—

Jersey City, February 23, 1898.

Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that they have directed Mr. Frank Stevens, auctioneer, by communication dated February 16, 1898, to sell at absolute sale at public auction, beginning April 13, 1898, on behalf of the city, all property acquired by the city under the "Martin Act," mentioned on the schedule handed said Frank Stevens, by the City Comptroller, said sale to be made in the same manner as former sales made by said auctioneer, under the resolution of this Board adopted April 15, 1897, and approved by His Honor the Mayor, April 19, 1897.

The expenses of said sale, which said Frank Stevens was authorized to incur, was fixed at a sum not to exceed $1,300 (exclusive of the advertising required by law), the same to be apportioned among the various tracts for sale.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. BAILEY,
R. SIMPSON,
Committee on Finance.

The report was received and adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Kellers—1.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Ordering cancelled of record certain water rents.

(Adopted February 21, 1898.)

2. Ordering paid the salaries of employes laying and repairing water pipe, for the month of January, 1898, as per payroll, amounting to $2,549.75.

(Adopted February 7, 1898.)

3. Ordering paid the salaries of the following employes, as per payrolls, for the month of February, 1898, when due:—

Water Registrar, etc., amounting to $3,500.46.

Laborers on Meters, amounting to $475.

(Adopted February 21, 1898.)

4. Directing the Water Registrar to reduce the assessment for water rents on certain property.

(Adopted February 21, 1898.)

5. To adopt specifications for furnishing and delivering cast iron water pipe, and directing Clerk to advertise for bids.
(Adopted February 21, 1898.)

6. Awarding to James Coyle the contract to furnish and deliver about 1,000 gross tons of bituminous coal at High Service Pumping station at $2.57 per gross ton, he being the lowest bidder, etc.
(Adopted February 21, 1898.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Kellers—1.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$450 to International Bank Note Co. for engraving plates for issue of four per cent. tax arrearage bonds.

$240 to International Bank Note Co. for furnishing from engraved steel plates 800 four per cent. tax arrearage gold bonds.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1897-98.)

$81 to J. Herbert Potts for fees as Judge Second Criminal Court, bill February 14, 1898.

$54 to Frank J. Higgins for fees as Clerk Second Criminal Court, bill February 14, 1898.

(Chargeable to account fees, Second Criminal Court.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Kellers—1.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Nays—None.

Absent—Mr. Kellers—1.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $50,000 on account of county taxes, 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to transfer the sum of $174.94 from account "Contingencies," Board of Finance, fiscal year 1896-97 (being the balance remaining in said account) to account "Claims," same fiscal year.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer, in favor of that officer, to be deposited to the credit of March, 1898, interest, as follows:—

On General Account	$ 180 00
On General Account, to pay interest on Assessment Bonds	17,500 00
On Water Account	19,145 00
Total	$36,825 00

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, March 2, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The minutes of the regular meeting February 16, 1898, and of the adjourned regular meeting, February 23, 1898, were approved as engrossed in the minute book, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented, received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

Petition of Peter Sherry, to be allowed to pay balance due for taxes 1891 ($28.40), without interest, error in making out bill for $23.72 instead of $52.12, being on the part of the city.

Petition of Fardy O'Grady, for the return of $24 for over-payment of water rents for years 1890-1896 (both inclusive).

Petition of Kohlhund & Berberick, for reduction of personal taxes for years 1895-96 and 1896-97.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Invitation from George B. Inman:—

New York, Feb. 28 1898.

To the President and Members of the Finance Board of Jersey City.

Gentlemen—You are cordially invited to accompany us, with such friends as you may choose to select, to view our lakes and water sheds.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE B. INMAN CONTRACT CO.,

GEORGE B. INMAN,

President.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from Abel I. Smith & Mabon, attorneys for William Funcheon, demanding payment of $231.58, judgment, cost, etc., recovered September 4, 1895, against The Mayor and Council of Hoboken and the Board of Finance of Jersey City.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—Evening Journal Association, $8.40 and $229.16; Robert Jordan, $40; John J. Nevin, $45; the Jersey City News, $8; Frank Meyer, $22; George B. Fielder, $34.60; Rachel G. Butler, $48.75; Jersey City News, $26; Corbin & Corbin, $455.56.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the Corporation Attorney:—

Jersey City, N. J., March 2, 1898.

To the Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—I return claim of Corbin & Corbin, attorneys, Evening Journal Association.

The judgment was against this city and Hoboken, each being liable under the law for one-half of the judgment.

I report this claim correct for $227.78.

Respectfully,

W. P. DOUGLASS,

Corporation Attorney.

Referred to the City Comptroller in conjunction with the Corporation Counsel.

The following was also received from the Corporation Attorney and the same was ordered spread in full upon the minutes on motion of Mr. Simpson and ordered filed:—

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT.

February Term, 1898.

The State ex rel William Herrick vs. Edward Hoos, Mayor of Jersey City.

On mandamus.

In Jersey City it is not requisite to the validity of the appointment or employment of officers, clerks or other persons by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners that there should be a concurrence therein of the Board of Finance.

Argued at November Term, A. D. 1898, before Justices Van Syckel, Dixon and Collins.

For the relator, Fagan & Murphy.

For the defendant, W. P. Douglass and John A. Blair.

The opinion of the Court was rendered by Collins, J.

The Mayor of Jersey City refuses to sign a warrant for the relator's pay as extra clerk in the Water Department of Jersey City for the month of June, 1897, notwithstanding the fact that the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, after considering his reason for disapproval, has ordered it paid. This refusal is not justifiable under the law on the subject (G. S., p. 493) unless the claim is without legal foundation.

The relator was employed by resolution of the Board, approved by the Mayor, and has rendered the service he engaged to perform. The Mayor will not consent to payment therefor because since he united in the employment he has been advised that such employment was illegal for lack of concurrence of the Board of Finance.

The Water Department of Jersey City is controlled under the Act of 1889, accepted by the legal voters of the city (in re. Cleveland, 23 Vr., 188), by a Board of Street and Water Commissioners, succeeding with enlarged powers the Board of Public Works, created by the City Charter. Section 7 of the Act (G. S., p. 731, par. 1819) authorized them to employ or appoint from time to time such engineers, surveyors, clerks and other persons to aid them in the execution of the act, as they may deem necessary, or as may be authorized or required by law for the city, and to fix compensation.

It is argued by counsel for the Mayor

that this grant of power is limited to such employes as were authorized or required for the city by some pre-existing law. We cannot so read the statute. The Legislature meant to preserve existing offices, but not to restrict the Board to filling those only. No other interpretation can give full effect to all the words of the grant. A later law, passed in 1891 (G. S. p. 467, par. 39) confirms and perhaps extends the power of the Board on this subject, but enacts that where there exist the requirement of concurrence of some other Board in any action of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners that statute shall not be construed as dispensing with such concurrence. It is contended that in official employment a concurrence of the Board of Finance was and is required in Jersey City. The Act of 1889 was not repealed or superseded by the Act of 1891, and even if it were there would still be no support for this contention. By the city charter, concurrence of a Board of Finance and Taxation—succeeded under the act of 1889 by the present Board of Finance—was required in the employment of others than certain specified officers (P. L. 1874, p. 512, sec. 23), but in 1880 a general act authorized every municipal board to its appropriate officers and agents without the concurrence of any other board (G. S., p. 570, par. 535).

This act is met by the argument that it extends only to officers and agents then authorized by law. That argument has not prevailed with this Court. We think the act operates as well as subsequent authority.

Lastly, we are referred to a statute passed 1891 (G. S., p. 654, par. 933), which enacts that no motion, resolution or order concerning the issuing of water scrip or bonds or the contract and cognizance of the structures and property connected with the supply and distribution of water, or the supplying, sale and use of water in any city in this State, shall be of any force or effect unless the same shall be concurred in by the Board of Finance and Taxation or other Board having control of the fiscal department of said city. It would be a very forced construction that would extend the limitation of this act to the employment of officers and agents, especially in the light of the legislation of the previous year's dealing with that subject and left unrepealed. We cannot adopt it.

We see no force in the Mayor's objection to signing the relator's warrant, and we, therefore, award a premptory mandamus, but inasmuch as there is no question of the good faith of the objection, made as it was by a public officer in the line of his duty as he conceived it, no costs will be allowed.

The following resolutions were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions.

1. Rescinding resolution of October 11, 1897, awarding contract to James Coyle to furnish coal and wood.

(Adopted February 28, 1898.)

2. Awarding to James Coyle the contract to furnish coal and wood at price named in bid received October 4, 1898:—

Stove coal at $4.75 per gross ton.

Cumberland coal at $3 per gross ton.

Wood, cut in 10-inch lengths, at $6.75 per cord.

(Adopted February 28, 1898.)

3. Directing Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on property situate in block 428, Johnston avenue, assessed to Communipaw Coal Co., for years 1887 and 1888, $212, no water used during those years.

(Adopted February 28, 1898.)

4. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on lot 27, block 203, Railroad avenue, assessed to George R. McKenzie for year 1895-96, no water used on the premises during those years.

(Adopted February 28, 1898.)

5. Directing Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on lot C, block 365, West Side avenue, assessed to Babbit & Lawrence for 1887 to 1894 (both inclusive), amounting to $166, as there is no such lot C in block 365.

(Adopted February 28, 1898.)

The following resolution was also received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and the said resolution was referred to the Committee on Finance.

6. Requesting Board of Finance to appropriate $500 for the purpose of creating a fund to be known as "Advertising Ordinance Fund."

(Adopted February 28, 1898.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Awarding to James Coyle the contract to furnish and deliver coal and wood, from date of contract to May 1, 1898, at prices named in his bid of October 4, 1897.

(Adopted February 28, 1898.)

2. Directing Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on property situate in block 428, Johnston avenue, assessed to Communipaw Coal Company, for 1887 and 1888, $212, no water having been used on the premises during those years.

(Adopted February 28, 1898.)

3. Directing Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on lot 27, block 203, Railroad avenue, assessed to George R. McKenzie, for 1895 and 1896, amounting to

$34; no water was used on the premises during those years.

(Adopted February 28, 1898.)

4. Directing Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents on lot C, block 365, West Side avenue, assessed to Babbit & Lawrence for 1887 to 1894 (both inclusive), amounting to $160, as there appears no such Lot C, Block 365.

(Adopted February 28, 1898.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims to whom was referred the petition of Mary Connor, for the return of water rents, reported adverse as to granting petition.

The report was received and the petition was not granted by the votes of all the members of the Board, five (5) in number.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims further reported recommending that resolutions be adopted ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$22 to Frank Meyer, for services as Marshal to First District Court, for month of February, 1898.

(Chargeable to District Court fees.)

$45 to John J. Nevin, fees as Judge Second Criminal Court, bill March 2, 1898.

(Chargeable to fees, Second Criminal Court.)

$23.50 to Albert Datz, for printing and stationery for City Clerk.

$34.60 to George B. Fielder for recording city deeds.

(Chargeable to account Martin act.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$11 to John A. Nugent for furnishing copies of testimony in case G. F. Sutherland vs. Board of Street and Water Commissioners.

(Chargeable to account claims 1896-1897.)

$8 to The Jersey City News for printing briefs for Law Department, cases of Moses Conklin, Albert Payne and R. M. Jarvis vs. City.

$26 to The Jersey City News for printing manual pages 217-229 Board of Finance.

$12.60 to M. A. Lennon for taking testimony in case of Conklin vs. City.

$26.10 to George Van Horn for taking deposition of witnesses, etc., Supreme Court Commissioner in case Moses Conklin against The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

$48.75 to Rachel G Butler for typewriting for City Comptroller.

$40 to Robert Jordan for services as Assistant Messenger in City Collector's office for month of February, 1898.

$2 to Albert Datz, for stationery furnished to City Collector.

$33.90 to Albert Datz, for stationery furnished to City Treasurer.

(Chargeable to account claims.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Thursday March 3, 1898, at ten o'clock A. M.

Adopted.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey:—

Whereas, The League of American Municipalities has been duly organized and promises to be useful and beneficial in many respects; and

Whereas, We concur in the sentiment expressed in the following paragraph, taken from an official circular just issued by the said League, to wit:—

"The unanimous sentiment of the Columbus Convention, which was a representative body and which planned and formed the permanent organization, was that the League of American Municipalities would be promptly and cordially supported by the patriotic officials of American municipalities as a movement for the betterment of municipal conditions, with the inevitable results of facilitating departmental work, securing improved public services and lessening the burden of the taxpayers;" therefore

Resolved, That in conformity with the provision of the constitution of the said League as follows:—

"Any municipality in the United States or Canada may become a member of this organization.

"Each and every municipality becoming a member of this organization shall pay an annual membership fee on or before December 1, as follows:—Cities under 25,000 population, $20; between 25,000 and

50,000, $30; between 50,000 and 100,000, $40; between 100,000 and 200,000, $50; over 200,000, $60."

The City of Jersey City hereby becomes a member of the said League of American Muncipalities, and the Board of Finance hereby agrees to pay an annual membership fee of $50, upon presentation of a claim properly made out for the same.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of Hugh Dugan, County Collector, for the sum of $242,752.27, for State School Tax, 1897.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Whereas, The Commissioners of Adjustment did in Report No. 89, adjust certain taxes, etc., against lots rear part 30 and 31, fronting on Nelson avenue; and

Whereas, Said property was sold on October 25, 1894, to The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City for said unpaid adjusted taxes, etc.; and

Whereas, Said lots, rear part 30 and 31, are known in the City Collector's office as Lots 6 and 7 on said block and do not front on said Nelson avenue; and

Whereas, The City Clerk (E. W. Woolley) on or about February 15, 1896, gave a certificate that at that time there were no liens of record in the said City Clerk's office affecting the said premises; and

Whereas, The petition of Otto Koehler, agreed to by E. W. Woolley, former City Clerk, sets forth that the error made in the said certificate issued by the City Clerk was caused by the Commissioners of Adjustment placing said property in said Report No. 89, as fronting on Nelson avenue; therefore in order to correct the error, be it

Resolved, That the sale of lots rear part 30 and 31, Block 928-929, made by the City Collector, October 25, 1894, under sale No. 4,920 be and the same is hereby ordered cancelled (certificate No. 2,460).

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer for the sum of $42.38, to return amount of purchase price and subsequent taxes etc., paid on account of said lots rear part 30 and 31, block 928-929.

Purchase price	$23.67
Taxes, 1892	6.75
Taxes, 1893	6.01
Taxes, 1894	5.95
Total	$42.38

The same to be charged to "adjusted liens account."

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to correct the assessment for taxes on personal property on business of Haas & Ullman, located on Mill Road, near Montgomery street, for the year 1895-96, by the reduction of the valuation from $2,000 to $1,000, this Board believing that the assessment of $2,000 on the personal property located as above for the year mentioned is exorbitant.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to correct the assessment for taxes on personal property on business of Kohlhund & Beberdich, located on Mill Road, near Montgomery street, for the years 1895-96 and 1896-97, by the reduction of the valuation for each of said years from $5,000 to $1,000, this Board believing that the asessment of $5,000 on the personal property located as above, for the years mentioned is exorbitant.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to receive from Peter Sherry the sum of $28.40 in full for all demands (without interest), for balance of taxes for the year 1891, on Lot 26, Block 384, No. 377 Second street, Jersey City, the property having been placed in arrears for the taxes of said year through an error of the City Collector's office in making the tax bill read $23.72. instead of $52,12, which tax bill was paid February 1, 1892.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record the assessment for taxes levied by the city of Jersey City for the year 1894, on property known as "Block 332," part of block not used for railroad purposes, 27,000 square feet, as the property is assessed by the State Board, and has not been assessed locally for the last two (2) years past, and the Board of Tax Commissioners having recommended that the said assessment be ordered cancelled.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record the assessment for personal taxes levied against Alexander Rider, at No. 245 Third street, Jersey City, for the years 1895-96 and 1896-97, as the assessment was unjust, said Alexander Rider not possessing any personal property during the years named at the above location, as set forth in his sworn statement presented to this Board February 2, 1898.

By Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

Resolved, That the resolutions adopted by this Board on October 20, 1897, concurring in the resolution of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of Octo-

ber 11, 1897, to award the contract for furnishing and delivering coal to James Coyle, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK.
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Thursday, March 3, 1898, at ten o'clock A. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Midlige and Simpson—3.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Kellers—2.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

The following resolution was received from the Board of Aldermen and referred to the Finance Committee:—

Resolved, That the Board of Aldermen hereby concurs in the following resolution adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners February 21, 1898, to wit:—

Whereas, The necessity exists for the immediate repairing of the sewer in Montgomery street, from 75 feet east of Greene street to Washington street; and

Whereas, The exigencies of the case are such that the beginning of such work should be immediately instituted; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this Board a sufficient emergency exists for proceeding with such repairs without the delay incident to the advertising for proposals for the doing of the work.

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets and Sewers of this Board be and is hereby authorized to immediately proceed to repair said sewer between the points specified; and further

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be requested to set aside for the use of this Board the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars ($2,500) for the purpose indicated.

(Adopted March 2, 1898.)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was presented and received and the same was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Midlige and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Kellers—2.

Mr. Simpson, on behalf of the Committee on Finance, presented the following preamble and resolutions:—

Whereas, The Board of Street and Water Commissioners did, at its meeeting held on February 21, 1898, adopt the following preamble and resolutions:—

Whereas, The necessity exists for the immediate repairing of the sewer in Montgomery street, from 75 feet east of Greene street to Washington street; and

Whereas, The exigencies of the case are such that the beginning of such work should be immediately instituted; and

Whereas, In the opinion of this Board a sufficient emergency exists for the proceeding with such repairs without delay incident to the advertising for proposals for the doing of the work,

Resolved, That the Committee on Streets and Sewers of this Board be and is hereby authorized to immediately proceed to repair said sewer between the points specified; and further

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be requested to set aside for the use of this Board the sum of two thousand, five hundred dollars ($2,500); and

Whereas, The Board of Aldermen of Jersey City did concur in the above preamble and resolutions of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, at its meeting held on March 2, 1898, as required by Section 53 of Chapter 315, Laws of 1873; therefore

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby appropriates to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners the sum of $2,500 to pay for the repairing of the sewer in Montgomery street, from 75 feet east of Greene street to Washington street; this appropriation being made in compliance with the request of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners as embodied in the preamble and resolutions above cited; and further

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance of this Board are hereby authorized to borrow the sum of $2,500 on one or more temporary loan bonds, at a rate of interest not to exceed four per cent. per annum, which amount shall be set aside for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, for repairing the sewer above mentioned, and that the sum of $2,500 be place in the next tax levy.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Wednesday, March 16, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Midlige—3.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Simpson—2.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the regular meeting, March 2, 1898, and of the adjourned regular meeting, March 3, 1898, were approved as engrossed, on motion of Mr. Kellers.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were disposed of as follows:—

Petition of G. C. Perry for the return of $20 paid by him as assessment for Mill Creek sewer, on lot 200, block 1,101, Wayne street.

Petition of G. C. Perry for the return of $29.48 paid by him as taxes for year 1898 on lot 200, block 1,101, Wayne street.

Petition of Edward Simmons for the return of overpayment of taxes of 1897, on property taken by the city for the opening of Baldwin avenue.

Petition of Randolph Perkins, attorney for Sophie Feibel, for the return of $89.05 overpayment for taxes for year 1897-'98, etc.

Petition of Thomas C. O'Callaghan for the return of certain taxes paid for year 1897-'98 on lot 9, block 528, Newark avenue.

Petition of Monroe Simmons to refund to him $19.21 for interest and penalties paid on certain taxes and water rents as the city is indebted to him since May 1, 1897.

Petition of George R. Hough, City Comptroller, on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for the correction of error in assessment for taxes for year 1897-'98, on lot 10, block 1,915, No. 147 Cornelison avenue.

Petition of Charles M. Fichtl for the return of $8.70 overpayment of water rents for year 1895.

Petition of Percy A. Gaddis & Co., agents for John H. Cook, $30 for overpayment of water rents for year 1897.

Petition of William J. Hand, attorney of Alfred Hand and William H. Taylor for the cancellation of certain taxes.

Each of the above petitions were referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Communication from Pedro R. de Florez, executor of the estate of Antonia Carrio De Sancho, requesting that a duplicate warrant be ordered drawn for $700 in payment of interest to October 1, 1897, and presenting a bond of indemnity in the sum of $1,400, with Pedro R. de Florez and William H. Speer as sureties.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from David B. Day, attorney, requesting payment of a Ravine Road certificate, amounting to $97.50, issued to Michael Mullone for legal advertising.

Referred to the Corporation Attorney.

Communication from Randolph, Condict & Black, requesting the payment of $390 mentioned in previous communication.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Application of James H. and Charlotte S. Clark for deed No. 1,201, of lots 7 and 8, block 24, Marion place. Sale No. 2,781.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from McEwan & McEwan, regarding applications made on behalf of James Mulligan and others for cancellation of certain assessments for joint outlet sewer, between Jersey City and West Hoboken, which applications have not yet been acted upon.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from P. H. Flynn, one of the bidders for furnishing a new water supply to Jersey City, inviting the Board of Finance to visit the gathering grounds, etc., mentioned in his bid.

Received and ordered filed.

Communication from B. F. Gilkinson, Secretary, League of American Municipalities, submitting bill for $50 for membership fee, for year 1898.

Received and ordered filed.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

H. A. Lush, $70; J. W. Harrison, $40; Annie T. Byrne, $11.25; Postal Tel. Cable Co., $3.95; A. J. Doan, $4.50 and $10.50; B. F. Gilkison, $50; Jersey City News, $229.16.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Communication inviting Board of Finance to participate in the reviewing of the St. Patrick's Day parade at the City Hall on Thursday, March 17, 1898, at 2.30 P. M.

Received and accepted on motion of Mr. Kellers.

From the Board of Education:—

Resolution (adopted March 10, 1898), requesting the Board of Finance to transfer certain balances of appropriations year 1896-'97 to an account to be known as "general claims account."

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Ravine Road Sewer Extension Commission:—

Jersey City, March 7, 1898.

Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—I herewith submit to you, as required by the statute, requisition for sixth payment to Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine road sewer extension in accordance with the estimate of the Engineer, amounting to the sum of six thousand, three hundred and ninety-nine dollars and eighty-two cents ($6,399.82.)

Also requisition in favor of Hugh Kelly for the sum of eighty-seven ($87) dollars, for services as inspector on said improvement, from February 1 to 28, both inclusive, making a total requisition of six thousand three hundred and eighty-six dollars and eighty-two cents.

Attached to the requisition is a certified copy of the engineer's estimate, and approved claim of Hugh Kelly.

Respectfully,

E. W. HARRISON,
President Ravine Road Sewer Commission.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from John G. Fisher, County Clerk, enclosing a true copy of presentment made by Grand Jury, March 5, 1898, and ordered sent to Board of Finance by Judge Lippincott.

Received and ordered filed.

From E. E. Burdick, Librarian of Free Public Library:—

Communication thanking the Board of Finance for certain copies of printed minutes presented to the Library.

Received and ordered filed.

From the City Comptroller:—

Jersey City, March 3, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—In accordance with the resolution passed by your Honorable Board, December 8, 1897, authorizing the exchange of $800,000 registered four per cent. tax arrearage bonds, due January 1, 1903, for coupon bonds, the following exchanges are respectfully reported:—

Date.	Registered Bond No.	Amount.	For Coupon Bonds No.
February 7, 1898.	36	$25,000	001 to 025
" "	34	25,000	026 to 050
" "	35	25,000	051 to 075
" "	37	25,000	076 to 100
" "	39	25,000	101 to 125
" "	45	10,000	126 to 135
" "	46	10,000	136 to 145
February 9, 1898.	23	25,000	146 to 170
" "	28	25,000	171 to 195
" "	29	25,000	196 to 220
" "	32	25,000	221 to 245
" "	38	25,000	246 to 270
February 11, 1898.	30	25,000	271 to 295
" "	31	25,000	296 to 320
" "	24	25,000	321 to 345
" "	25	25,000	346 to 370
" "	26	25,000	371 to 395
" "	22	25,000	396 to 420
" "	19	25,000	421 to 445
" "	21	25,000	446 to 470
" "	20	25,000	471 to 495
" "	27	25,000	496 to 520
February 17, 1898.	60	25,000	521 to 545
" "	59	25,000	546 to 570
" "	58	25,000	571 to 595
" "	57	25,000	596 to 620
February 21, 1898.	40	25,000	621 to 645
" "	41	25,000	646 to 670
" "	42	10,000	671 to 680
February 21, 1898.	47	5,000	681 to 685
" "	49	5,000	686 to 690
" "	50	5,000	691 to 695
" "	51	5,000	696 to 700
" "	52	5,000	701 to 705
" "	54	5,000	706 to 710
" "	55	5,000	711 to 715
" "	65	1,000	716
" "	66	1,000	717
" "	67	1,000	718
" "	69	1,000	719
" "	70	1,000	720
February 24, 1898.	33	50,000	721 to 770
" "	44	10,000	771 to 780
" "	48	5,000	781 to 785
" "	53	5,000	786 to 790
" "	56	5,000	791 to 795
" "	62	1,000	796
" "	63	1,000	797
" "	64	1,000	798
February 28, 1898.	61	1,000	799
" "	68	1,000	800
Total		$800,000	

Respectfully,

GEO. R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

Received and ordered filed.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. To pay claim of F. P. Woodcock, $20.64.

(Adopted March 7, 1898.)

2. To direct Water Registrar to receive water rents from Martha Byrne, without penalty or interest for years 1892-1897 (both inclusive), on Plot 12, Block 1,435.

(Adopted March 7, 1898.)

3. To pay $40,000 to East Jersey Water Company on account claim presented January 3, 1898 (No. 798), for water delivered under contract for last quarter of 1897, amounting to $89,861.90.

(Adopted March 7, 1898.)

4. Directing Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents assessed to F. J. Mallory and others, no water used during the years named.

(Adopted March 14, 1898.)

5. Awarding to M. J. Drummond & Co. the contract to furnish and deliver cast iron water pipe at prices named in their bid, they being the lowest bidders.

(Adopted March 14, 1898.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. To pay claim of F. P. Woodcock, $20.64, claim No. 235.

(Adopted March 7, 1898.)

2. To direct the Water Registrar to receive water rents from Martha Byrne, without penalty or interest for years 1892 to 1897 (both inclusive) on Plot 12, Block 1,435.

(Adopted March 7, 1898.)

3. To pay $40,000 to East Jersey Water Company on account claim presented January 3, 1898 (No. 798) for water delivered under contract for last quarter of 1897, amounting to $89,861.90.

(Adopted March 7, 1898.)

4. Directing the Water Registrar to cancel of record water rents assessed to F. J. Mallory and others, no water used during the years named.

(Adopted March 14, 1898.)

5. Awarding to M. J. Drummond & Co. the contract to furnish and deliver cast iron water pipe at prices named in their bid, they being the lowest bidders.

(Adopted March 14, 1898.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Midlige—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Simpson—2.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$70 to Hamilton A. Lush for services as assistant to Clerk First District Court for month of March, 1898, when due.

(Chargeable to Fees from District Courts.)

$229.16 to the Evening Journal Association for publishing official minutes in March, 1898.

(Chargeable to account Publishing Minutes.)

$14.85 to the N. Y. and N. J. Tel. Co. for exchange service, January 1 to March 31, 1898, and tolls September 1 to December 1, 1897 (Mayor's office).

$6.25 to the N. Y. and N. J. Tel. Co. for telephone tolls from September 1 to December 1, 1897, Corporation Counsel's office.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1896-1897.)

$3.95 to Postal Tel. Cable Co. for messenger service to Board of Finance and City Comptroller's office in February, 1898.

$4.50 to A. J. Doan, for printing case, N. J. Junction R. R. vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

$10.50 to A. J. Doan, for printing brief, etc., case Commercial Investment Building and Loan Association vs. Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City.

$50 to B. F. Gilkison, Secretary, League of American Municipalities, for membership fee in the League of American Municipalities for the year 1898.

$8.40 to the Evening Journal Association, for publishing City Collector's notice of extension of time to pay taxes.

$11.25 to Annie T. Byrne, for copying testimony in case of Richard English against Jersey City.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Midlige—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Simpson—2.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the salaries of the Mayor and others for the month of March, 1898, when due, amounting to $4,743.33.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Midlige—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Simpson—2.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam, and Messrs. Kellers and Midlige—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Simpson—2.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The commission for the reconstruction and extension of the Ravine road sewer, acting under the provisions of "an act to provide for the reconstruction of main outlet sewers, heretofore constructed at the joint expense of two cities," approved March 18, 1895 (General Statutes, pages 618, etc.), and the supplements thereto, have issued requisitions on this Board for the following bills incurred in the performance of said work.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the following amounts for the following purposes, in connection with the work of said commission.

1. To Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine Road sewer extension for the sum of six thousand, three hundred and ninety-nine dollars and eighty-two cents ($6,399.82), being sixth payment under his contract.

2. To Hugh Kelly for the sum of eighty-seven ($87.00) dollars for services as inspector on said sewer from February 1st to the 28th, both inclusive, making a total payment of six thousand, four hundred and eighty-six dollars and eighty-two cents ($6,486.82).

Resolved, That in order to raise the moneys required for such payments, the said sum of six thousand four hundred and eighty-six dollars and eighty-two cents ($6,486.82) be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of the assessment to be made for the reconstruction of said sewer, and that bonds of the city, under the seal of the city, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and countersigned by the City Comptroller, be issued for that amount in such denominations as may be fixed by the Committee on Finance of this Board, and to be due and payable January 1, 1901, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, on the first days of January and July in each year; and be it further

Resolved, That said bonds be sold under the direction of the Committee on Finance of this Board, at not less than par and accrued interest, and that the proceeds thereof be appropriated for the payment of the warrants above mentioned; and be it further

Resolved, That all assessments collected upon said improvement be and they are pledged to the redemption and payment of the bonds issued and to be issued for such improvement.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That this Board hereby appropriates the sum of $489.42 to pay the following claims against Jersey City:—

Abel I. Smith & Mabon, attorneys for William Funcheon, for judgment recovered by William Funcheon against The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City in Hudson Circuit Court on September 4, 1895:—

Damages	$196 81
Costs	34 77
Interest from September 4, 1895, to March 16, 1898	30 06
Total	$261 64

And Corbin & Corbin, claim for judgment recovered by The Evening Journal Association against Ravine Sewer Certificates (Jersey City and Hoboken each to pay one-half of $455.56) $227.78; and that the Committee on Finance of this Board is hereby authorized to borrow said sum of $489.42 at a rate of interest not to exceed four per cent. per annum, to meet the above appropriation, and that the said amount be placed in the next tax levy; and

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer to pay the claims above mentioned, and only delivered by the City Clerk upon the production of proper satisfaction pieces.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of that officer to be deposited to the credit of April, 1898, interest, as follows:—

On General Account	$33,975 00
On General Account, to pay Interest on Assessment Bonds	36,725 00
On Water Account	42,650 00
Total	$113,350 00

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That at the request of the Board of Education, by resolution passed March 10, 1898, the City Comptroller be and he is hereby directed to make the following transfers, fiscal year 1896-97:—

From account Teachers and Salaries	$2,842 87
From account Superintendent and Clerk	04
From account Janitors' Salaries.	150 44
From account Janitors' Supplies..	2 30
From account Printing	1 23
From account Fuel	3,955 30
From account Night Schools	9 60
From account census	448 75
From account gas	10 30
Total	$7,420 83

To an account to be known as "General Claims" account.

By Mr. Kellers:—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board March 2, 1898, directing the City Collector to reduce the assessed valuation of personal property, for taxes of year 1895-96 on business of Haas & Ullman, situate on Mill Road, near Montgomery street, be and is hereby rescinded.

By Mr. Kellers:—

Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this Board March 2, 1898, directing the City Collector to reduce the assesed valuation of personal property for taxes of years 1895-96 and 1896-97, on business of Kohlhund and Berberich, situate on Mill Road, near Montgomery street, be and is hereby rescinded.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $8.70 in favor of Charles M. Fichtl, to return amount overcharged for water rents for year 1895, on lot D, block 603, No. 112 Jackson avenue, for the reason that the assessment is an error, no city water having been used on the premises for the year named, as certified to by the Water Registrar.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That the sum of $47.17 (including interest), paid by Horace E. Hand on September 9, 1896, for an erroneous assessment made for the taxes for year 1895-96 on part blocks 245 to 253, 8 1-5 acres, meadow and upland, be transferred by

the City Collector to the credit of the assessment for taxes for the same year, on part blocks 254 to 265 meadow, and that the City Collector be also directed to cancel the assessment made on parts blocks 245 to 253, 8 1-5 acres, meadow and upland, for the taxes of 1895-96, for the reason that this property does not exist.

On motion of Mr. Midlige the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Special meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall on Tuesday, March 29, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

The call for the meeting, issued by the President, which was for the purpose of acting upon communications and petitions received and to be received by the Board of Finance and for the transaction of "General Business" contained in the order of business of the Board, was read by the Clerk.

The regular order of business was taken up on motion of Mr. Kellers.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were each disposed of as follows:—

Petition of John Wenner, agent of Thomas Gallagher, for the return of $6 for overpayment of water rents for year 1895.

Petition of P. Kelehar for the return of $12.50 for overpayment of water rents for year 1897.

Petition of Mrs. Margaret Dunn for the cancellation of certain assessment against certain property owned by her.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Petition of Edward W. Woolley, attorney of Susan Berrian, for the return of $14.45, claimed to be exempt under the Veteran Act.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

Communication from Frederick Hartman, requesting payment of his claims for services rendered as janitor to Second District Court, in November and December, 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Invitation of O'Brien, Sheehan, McBean & Rodgers to accompany them on an inspection of watersheds on March 23, 1898.

Received and ordered filed.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—Albert Datz, $16, $20 and $32; the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Co., $490.75 and $493.80; W. H. Loppy, $25; the Jersey City News, $2; J. W. Harrison, $40; George Wurtz, Secretary of State, $4.50; Frank J. Higgins, $126; J. Herbert Potts, $189; Randolph Perkins, $87.50; Frank Stevens, $107.09; James B. Hill, $11.25, $4.25 and $54.75.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, March 16, 1898.

Hon. Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—On the 6th of April I will have a sale of the remaining lots adjusted by the Martin Act Commissioners, except such pieces ordered held out by the Court and pieces of railroad property affected by the suit now pending in the Supreme Court; on the 26th of April, will have the first sale of property, under Section 13 of the Martin act, as per resolution passed by your Board February 16, 1898. I hope and expect to supplement this sale with one each month, and to do so it will be necessary to place a thoroughly competent Clerk at this work permanently, and with this end in view I hereby appoint John Creech (who has been temporarily detailed to this office for that work) as a clerk in this office, in accordance with Chapter 127, Laws of 1889, subject to the concurrence of your Honorable Board.

Respectfully yours,

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Referred to the Committtee of the Whole.

From the City Comptroller:—

Petition of George R. Hough, City Comptroller, on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, for the reduction of the valuation of lots 54 and 55, block 1,759, Mallory avenue, taxes for years 1895, 1896 and 1897.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

From the City Comptroller:—

Submitting the following communications:—

Jersey City, March 22, 1898.

John T. Dillon, Esq., 246 Mercer street, Jersey City:—

Dear Sir—From the records, it appears that you are the owner of lot 93, in block 582, fronting on Pavonia avenue, this city. As this lot lies in line of a street known as Bacot Court, the city desires to acquire title to it in order to open the street. We do not wish to be put to the trouble of proceeding by condemnation if we can get a conveyance direct from you. Will you, therefore, submit a proposition to me, giving the lowest amount you will take for the property.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE R. HOUGH,
City Comptroller.

Jersey City, March 22, 1898.

George R. Hough, Esq., Comptroller, Jersey City:—

Dear Sir—Your letter addressed to Mr. John T. Dillon, with respect to lot 93, in block 582, on Pavonia avenue, has been handed to me for reply. Mr. Dillon authorizes me to offer the lot to the city for the purpose of opening Bacot Court, at the figure of $400.

Very truly yours,

RANDOLPH PERKINS.

Referred to the Corporation Counsel.

From the Corporation Counsel:—

Reported on the indemnity bond of Pedro R. De Florez, in the sum of $1,400, by the following endorsement:—

The security should be freehold security

in this county. It is not so in this bond, and is therefore insufficient.

Yours respectfully,

JOHN A. BLAIR,
Corporation Counsel.

The report of the Corporation Counsel was received and the Clerk of this Board was directed to communicate with Pedro R. De Florez in regard to sureties in said bond.

The following resolutions requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance were presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners, and they were each referred to the Committee on Concurrent Resolutions:—

1. To make a reduction of $20 in water rents on lots "1 and 2 and "2, block 828, Summit avenue.

(Adopted March 21, 1898.)

2. To reduce the assessment of water rents on lot 36, block 771, Cambridge avenue, for years 1895-96, $53.

(Adopted March 21, 1898.)

3. To make a reduction of $4 in water rents, year 1895, on lot 12, block 397, Twelfth street.

(Adopted March 21, 1898.)

4. Ordering paid certain claims.

(Adopted March 28, 1898.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the petition of James H. and Charlotte S. Clark, reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, Lots 7 and 8, Block 24, Marion place, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (Sale No. 2,781), for which a deed (No. 1,201) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to James H. and Charlotte S. Clarke, or their assings, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $356.55, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interests and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchasers, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

The report was received and the resolution therein contained was adopted by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President.

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending that the following resolutions adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners be concurred in:—

1. Directing the Water Registrar to make a reduction of $20 in water rents on property situate in Block 828, lots part 1 and 2 and part 2, Summit avenue, for the year 1897, as no water was used in fountain on said premises since November, 1896.

(Adopted March 21, 1898.)

2. Directing the Water Registrar to make a reduction of $4 in the water rents on Lot 12, Block 397, Twelfth street, for the year 1895, as no horses were kept on said premises during that year.

(Adopted March 21, 1898.)

3. Directing the Water Registrar to make a reduction of $53 in water rents on property of L. F. Kleber, situate in Block 771, Lot 36, Cambridge avenue, for the years 1895-96, for the reason that no water has been used in boiler on said premises since September 9, 1895.

(Adopted March 21, 1898.)

The report was received and the resolutions were each concurred in by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$4.50 to George Wurts, Secretary of State, for certified copies of Laws of 1898 for City Collector.

$25 to W. H. Loppy, for one set each of Assembly and Senate bills, session of 1898, furnished to Board of Finance.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1897-1898.)

$229.16 to the Jersey City News for publishing official minutes in March, 1898.

(Chargeable to account publishing official minutes.)

$107.09 to Frank Stevens for commissions on collections of rents for quarter ending December 31, 1897 ($77.31 chargeable to account rents, Martin act, and $29.78 to account adjusted liens).

$40 to J. W. Harrison for printing for Corporation Counsel.

$87.50 to Randolph Perkins for drawing deeds and assignments, and taking acknowledgments thereon, in sale No. 5,338, etc.

$490.75 to the N. J. Title Guarantee and Trust Company for searches and disbursements in titles, sale No. 1,585, etc.

$493.80 to the N. J. Title Guarantee & Trust Company for searches and disbursements in titles, sale No. 2,151, etc.

$11.25 to James B. Hill for printing for City Collector.

$32 to Albert Datz for stationery, etc., for City Comptroller.

$20 to Albert Datz for printing for City Collector

(Chargeable to account Martin act.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President.

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Milidge—2.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$2 to the Jersey City News, for printing for Law Department.

$16 to Albert Datz, for stationery for Board of Finance.

$4.25 to James B. Hill, for stationery, etc., for City Collector.

$54.75 to James B. Hill, for printing, etc. for City Comptroller.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE.

The Committee of the Whole, to whom was referred so much of the communication of the City Collector, S. H. Smith, as refers to the employment of John Creech as a clerk in the City Collector's office (received this day), through its chairman, Mr. Henry Brautigam, presented the following resolution, and the same was received and adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

Whereas, The City Collector did, on the 16th day of March, 1898, notify this Board that he has employed John Creech as a clerk in the City Collector's office, in accordance with Section 1, Chapter 127 of the Laws of 1889.

Resolved, That the said employment by the City Collector of John Creech as a clerk in the City Collector's office be and is hereby consented to by the Board of Finance of Jersey City, and that the compensation of said clerk be and is hereby fixed at the rate of $90 per month, from the date of the passage of this resolution, to and including November 30, 1898, and that from and after November 30, 1898, the compensation of the said John Creech be and is hereby fixed at $100 per month; and further

Resolved, That the appointment of John Creech, by resolution of May 1, 1897, be and the same is hereby terminated.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolution was presented and received and said resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers and Simpson—3.

Nays—None.

Absent—Messrs. Bailey and Midlige—2.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That upon the petition of the City Comptroller, on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to make the following corrections in the assessments for taxes on property now owned by the city, and about to be sold at public sale:—

For year 1897-98, lot 10, block 1,915, No. 147 Cornelison avenue, reduce the valuation to $700.

For years 1895, 1896 and 1897, lots 54 and 55, block 1,759, Mallory avenue, reduce valuation on each lot for each of said years to $50, the Tax Commissioners having certified that the assessments as levied by him were erroneous, in that the valuations are excessive.

Invitation was presented from the George B. Inman Contract Company, George B. Inman, President, inviting the Board of Finance to visit water shed and lands mentioned in regard to new water supply.

Received and ordered filed.

Invitation from the Rockaway and Hudson Company inviting the Board of Finance to visit and inspect certain features peculiar to their proposition for supply of water to Jersey City.

Received and ordered filed.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Wednesday, April 6, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the regular meeting of March 16, 1898, and of the special meeting of March 29, 1898, were approved as engrossed in the minute book on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were disposed as follows:—

Petition of Henry Wild, for the return of $5.78 for over-charge in taxes of year 1897-98.

Petition of Wallis, Edwards & Bumsted, attorneys for Isaac F. Williams, for the return of $117.25, being duplicate payment of taxes for year 1897-98.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Request from James H. and Charlotte S. Clark for the return of application for deed made to the Board of Finance March 16, 1898.

Received and ordered filed.

Application of the West Side Land Association by N. G. Vreeland, President, for deed No. 514, lot 2, Block 549-1758 West side avenue. Sale No. 3,617, sold by City Collector April 25, 1893.

Application of Amelia Nicoll, by C. P. Nicoll, attorney, for deed No. 1,245, lot 40a Block 975, Tonnele avenue. Report No. 72, sale No. 3,290, sold by City Collector, October 18, 1892.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

James F. Norton, $106; John J. Nevin, $159; The Jersey City News, $22; Albert Datz, $40; J. B. Hill, $74.95, $80.75, $62 and $67.50; Rachel G. Butler, $95, $50.19 and $28.50; Postal Tel. Cable Co., $2.90 and $1.15; George B. Fielder, $78.20; Frank Meyer, $27.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., April 1, 1898.

Honorable Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I herewith inform you that by virtue of the provisions of an act entitled "An act to establish a Law Department in cities of the first class in this State, to provide for the appointment and duties of the law officers therein, and for their compensation and terms of office, passed May 16, 1894, I have appointed Allan L. McDermott, City or Corporation Counsel of Jersey City, N. J., to fill the unexpired term of John A. Blair, resigned. The salary which said officer will receive is fixed at five thousand dollars ($5,000) per annum, payable monthly.

Yours respectfully,

EDWARD HOOS,
Mayor.

Received and ordered filed.

From the City Comptroller:—

The City Comptroller submitted the annual report of his office, with a statement of the receipts and disbursements of the City Treasurer for the fiscal year ending November 30, 1897, also showing the financial condition of the city on December 1, 1897.

Received and ordered filed, and copies of same ordered printed in pamphlet form.

From the City Collector:—

Jersey City, March 30, 1898.

Honorable Board of Finance, Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—Herewith I transmit for your consideration and orders Schedule No. 2, containing a list of lots, pieces and parcels of land, in the First, Second and Third wards of the city, on which taxes and assesments, one or both, remain "unpaid for the space of two years, from and after the time, when due and payable," as per section thirteen (13), Chapter 112, Laws of 1886, and supplements and amendments thereto.

Yours truly,

S. H. SMITH,
City Collector.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

From the Corporation Counsel:—

Jersey City, April 6, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—Mrs. Susan Berrian, widow of John Berrian, an honorably discharged soldier, petitions for a return of $14.45 taxes paid by her, upon the ground that she is entitled to exemption upon $500 of assessed property under the act of 1888. The act provides that the person desiring exemption under its provisions must submit the evidence of her right to the Assessor or the Commissioners of Appeal, application to the latter being allowable only if the claimant was prevented by sickness or other unavoidable cause, from delivering her evidence to the Assessor. Mrs. Berrian not having made the application provided by statute, your Board has not power to grant her petition.

Respectfully,

ALLAN L. McDERMOTT,
Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed, and the Clerk of the Board directed to notify the petitioner.

From the Board of Tax Commissioners:—

Jersey City, April 4, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance.

Gentlemen—We do hereby certify that we have examined the unpaid personal tax list for the year 1896, as returned to

the City Comptroller by the City Collector, and would recommend that the amounts as shown on this list should be cancelled from record.

JAMES H. LOVE,
JAMES C. CLARK,
JOHN E. McARTHUR,
Board of Tax Commissioners.

JAMES E. CONNOLLY,
Clerk.

Received and referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following resolution requiring the concurrence of the Board of Finance was presented and received from the Board of Street and Water Commissioners and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance be and is hereby requested to fix the amount of bond to be furnished by the Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Engineering and Survey of this Board, appointed this day for the term of two (2) years. (Charles A. Van Keuren.)

(Adopted April 4, 1898.)

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committe on Finance:—

Resolved, That the amount of the bond to be given by Charles A. Van Keuren, Engineer of the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Survey of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners of Jersey City, appointed April 4, 1898, be and the same is hereby fixed in the sum of $25,000.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

Under a suspension of the rules the following official bond was presented, received and referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Bond of Charles A. Van Keuren, as Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Survey, in the sum of $25,000, with Henry Lembeck, Michael Doyle, E. F. C. Young, R. C. Washburn and John Craven as sureties, and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel.

The regular order of business was then resumed.

The Committee on Finance further reported recommending that the bond of Charles A. Van Keuren as Chief Engineer of the Bureau of Civil Engineering and Survey, in the sum of $25,000, presented this day, be received and approved, and that the same be spread at large in the bond book, and filed.

The report was received, the recommendations therein contained were adopted and the bond was approved by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:—

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

1. Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lot 2, Block 549-1758 West Side avenue, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (sale No. 3,617), for which a deed (No. 514) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to West Side Land Association, or their assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $343.55, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amounts to the City Treasurer, a deed be executed therefor, under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

2. Resolved, That in acordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lot 40a, block 975, Tonnele avenue, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (sale No. 3,290), for which a deed (No. 1,245) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to Amelia Nicoll, or her assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $113.70, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor, under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a fully warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

The reports were received and the resolutions therein contained were adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims, to whom were referred the petitions of

John Wenner, agent of Thomas Gallagher and John H. Lawless for the return of certain water rents claimed to have been overpaid by said petitioners, reported recommending that the petitions be not granted.

The report was received and the recommendations were adopted by the votes of all the members, five in number, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims further reported recommending the adoptiton of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$74.95 to James B. Hill for printing, etc., for City Clerk.

$78.20 to George B. Fielder for recording city deeds.

(Chargeable to account Martin act.)

$27 to Frank Meyer for services as Marshal to First District Court during month of March, 1898.

(Chargeable to account fees from District Courts.)

$126 to Frank J. Higgins, fees as Clerk First Criminal Court for month of February, 1898.

$189 to J. Herbert Potts, fees as Judge First Criminal Court for month of February, 1898.

(Chargeable to account fees, First Criminal Court.)

$159 to John J. Nevins, fees as Judge Second Criminal Court for month of March, 1898.

(Chargeable to account fees Second Criminal Court.)

$1.15 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for messenger service to City Comptroller, in March, 1898.

$2.90 to Postal Telegraph Cable Co., for messenger service to Board of Finance, for March, 1898.

$28.25 to Rachel G. Butler, typewriting for City Comptroller.

$50.19 to Rachel G. Butler, typewriting for City Comptroller and Board of Finance.

$95 to Rachel G. Butler, typewriting for City Comptroller.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1897-1898.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering the payment of the following claims:—

$40 to Albert Datz, for warrant books furnished to City Clerk.

$62 to James P. Hill, for printing and stationery for Board of Finance.

$67.50 to James P. Hill, for printing for City Collector.

$80.75 to James P. Hill, for printing and stationery for City Comptroller.

$22 to the Jersey City News for printing manual, pages 230-240.

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received, and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the following resolution adopted by this Board March 29, 1898, be and the same is hereby rescinded:—

"Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lots 7 and 8, Block 24, Marion place, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (sale No. 2,781), for which a deed (No. 1,201) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to James H. and Charlotte S. Clarke, or their assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $356.55, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents, levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchasers, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchasers."

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, In the list of personal taxes for the year 1896-1897, remaining unpaid, there appear items that should be cancelled for the reason that, as per certificate of the Board of Tax Commissioners, the parties no longer do business or reside at the location given in the year named; therefore be it

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed to cancel of record on his books the assessments for personal taxes as shown by the said certificate of the Board of Tax Commissioners, presented to this Board this date.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer in favor of

Wallis, Edwards & Bumsted, attorneys for Isaac F. Williams, for $117.25, for duplicate payment of taxes for year 1897-1898, on Lot Y, Block 1,927, No. 65 Crescent avenue, paid February 10, 1898, being duplicate of payment made December 15, 1897.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer for $5.78 in favor of Henry Wild, to return amount overcharged for taxes for the year 1897-1898, on Lot C, Block 390, Seventh street, and paid December 31, 1897, and that the City Collector be notified.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Wednesday, April 13, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Adopted.

The following resolution was presented and received and on motion of Mr. Simpson was referred to the Corporation Counsel for his opinion as to whether the work is necessary to be done.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and they are hereby authorized to employ a competent person to engross in the minute book of the Board of Finance the proceedings of said Board, from February 20, 1884, to April 13, 1887, and from April 13, 1888, to April 13, 1889, the Clerks of the Board of Finance having failed to engross said minutes during the periods mentioned, and that the compensation for doing said work be and is hereby fixed at the rate of twenty (20) cents per folio, and that the claim be paid out of the account claim, 1897-1898.

On motion of Mr. Simpson, the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE,
JERSEY CITY, April 1, 1898.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:—

GENTLEMEN—I have the honor herewith to submit to your Honorable Board the Annual Report of this office, with a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the City Treasury for the Fiscal Year, ending November 30, 1897; also statement showing the financial condition of the City on December 1, 1897.

Respectfully,

GEORGE R. HOUGH,

City Comptroller.

Financial Condition of the City on December 1, 1897.

LIABILITIES (EXCEPTING WATER ACCOUNT).

General Account Debt (Exhibit No. 27).		$8,573,243 70	
Assessment Account Debt (Exhibit No. 27)		4,218,000 00	
Temporary Loans (Exhibit No. 28)		829,389 52	
One Year Improvement Certificates (Exhibit No. 35)		34.000 00	
Six Year Improvement Certificates, Laws 1895 (Exhibit No. 36)		710,084 13	
Six Year Improvement Certificates, Laws 1894 (Exhibit No. 37)		5,664 21	
			$14,370,381 56
Unexpended Appropriations (Exhibit No. 31)		344,515 51	
Unexpended Special Receipts (Exhibit No. 32)		17,521 41	
Undivided Liquor Licenses		65,887 04	
New City Hall Commission		29,812 57	
Special School Account		53,596 21	
Special Street Improvements		77,228 83	
Rent of "Martin Act" Property		2,049 72	
Taxes 1897 collected		131,582 39	
Outstanding Warrants:			
Old Jersey City—General	$8,439 37		
Jersey City—General	16,151 99		
Jersey City—Assessment	3,044 68		
Jersey City—Special Streets	269 47		
Jersey City—Special Bond Account No. 2	95 43		
		28,000 94	
Premium on Bonds sold (Bond Account)		7,895 24	
Unclaimed Surplus Moneys, received from Sales for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, Assessments, &c. (Exhibit No. 33)		1,671 50	
Sale of Old Building corner Jersey Ave. and Mercer Street		680 00	
Certificates of Value, Outstanding		2,615 23	
Awards for Opening Dey Street		193 50	
Awards for Opening Church Street		149 10	
Redemption of Lots, Old Account		883 90	
Redemption of Lots, Adjusted Taxes&c. (Exhibit No. 34)		1,419,81	
Sales of Old Buildings—Street Improvements		1,581,50	
Deposits, account of "Martin Act" Property sold at Auction:			
October 31, 1894	$350 00		
January 30, 1895	85 00		
March 25, 1896	913 20		
June 16, 1897	7,285 00		
		8,633 20	
Teachers' Salaries 1897—1898		800 00	
			776,717 60
			$15,147,099 16

Financial Condition of the City on December 1, 1897.

RESOURCES (EXCEPTING WATER ACCOUNT).

Cash in City Treasury:			
Credit of General Account.....	$339,531 70		
Credit of Assessment Account...	14,216 50		
Credit of Special General Acc't..	14,542 37		
Credit of Special Street Account.	77,498 30		
Credit of Special Bond Account No. 2.....	95 43		
Credit of Sidewalk Account.....	4,680 97		
Credit of Adjusted Liens Acc't..	32,843 40		
Credit of Liquor License Acc't..	65,887 04		
Credit of Bond Account.	20,395 25		
Credit of Surplus Account.....	1,671 50		
Credit of City Hall Account.....	29,812 57		
Credit of Special School Acc't...	53,596 21		
Credit of Special Assessment Acct	24,887 93		
		$679,659 17	
Cash and Securities held by Sinking Fund Commission (Excepting Water Sinking Funds).....		2,001,606 10	
Amount of Taxes, Due and Unpaid (Exhibit No. 29).....		3,531,432 25	
Amount of Assessments, Due and Unpaid (Exhibit No. 30).....		2,514,217 56	
Amount of City Property (Exhibit No. 39).....		2,530,100 00	
New Sites—Parks, Schools and Library (Exhibit No. 40).....		142,500 00	
New Schools—course of construction..		46,977 99	
Certificates of Sale, Property Purchased by the City at Sales:			
For Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, &c.....	$301,645 12		
For Unpaid Taxes, 1888.....	39,608 40		
For Unpaid Taxes, 1889....	89,008 09		
		430,261 61	
Deeds for Property Purchased by the City at Sales for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, &c.....		11,332 40	
Interest Paid on Special Loans, included in the Tax Levy for 1897-1898...		6,107 49	
Cost of Improvements in Excess of Benefits included in the Tax Levy for 1897-1898.....	$18,965 95		
To be included in the Tax Levy for 1898-1899.....	11,507 49		
		30,473 44	
Subsequent Taxes paid on Lands purchased by the City at Sales for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, &c....		91,388 39	
			$12,016,056 40

EXHIBIT No. 1.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, Dec. 1, 1896.			$34,785 01
From Taxes 1897.....$132,484 07			
Less Rebate..... 901 68			
	$131,582 39		
From Taxes 1896.....$1,854,600 77			
Less Rebate..... 4,297 15			
	1,850,303 62		
Interest on Taxes 1896.....	15,419 86		
From Taxes 1895.....	164,343 06		
Interest on Taxes 1895.....	22,175 34		
From Taxes 1894.....	52,485 74		
Interest on Taxes 1894.....	11,461 71		
From Adjusted Taxes, 1895.....	20,455 64		
From Adjusted Taxes, 1894.....	31,949 31		
		$2,300,176 67	
From Advertising Tax Sales, For Unpaid Adjusted Taxes &c.....		1,188 00	
From Morgan Street Dock.....		3,697 71	
From Sewer Permits.....		3,781 00	
From District Court Fees.....		5,777 19	
From City Board of Health.....		9,854 89	
From Police Court Fines, Act February 19, 1895:			
First Criminal Court.....	$1,776 00		
Second Criminal Court.....	859 50		
		2,635 50	
From Sale Furniture Old City Hall....		359 80	
From Advertising Personal Taxes, 1895		87 80	
From Interest on Bank Deposits.....		2,702 98	
From South Cove Grant.....		161 00	
From Water Account (Claims Legal Expenses and Judgments).....		1,263 45	
From Sale Buildings Pearsall Avenue..		90 00	
Transferred from the following account to correct errors:			
Special General Account (Redemption of Land Old).....	$421 25		
Assessment Account.....	10 00		
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1893.....	6 50		
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890.....	15 42		
		453 17	
From Sale of Buildings, Site School No. 19.....		105 00	

From Board of Street and Water Commissioners:		
Repaving over Street Opening..	$2,078 29	
Advertising Ordinances, Special	190 00	
Permits for Signs,		
1896–1897 $138.00		
1895–1896 25.00		
	163 00	
Advertising Improvement Laws, 1895	36 00	
		$2,467 29
From Board of Aldermen:		
Hudson County's Portion of the Cost of Elections	$11,131 02	
Sale of Ballots	422 50	
Sale of Venders' Plates	288 00	
Proceeds entertainment given for benefit First St. Fire Sufferers	39 50	
		11,881 02
From Board of Police Commissioners:		
Board of Patients and Sale of Drugs, &c. at City Hospital.	$724 64	
Interest on Pension Fund Investments	1,612 50	
Sale of Old Material	182 50	
		2,519 64
From Board of Fire Commissioners:		
Sale of Horses and Old Material.	$272 95	
Permits	167 00	
Rents	315 50	
		755 45
From Board of Education:		
Books damaged by Pupils	$52 58	
Tuition at High School	60 00	
		112 58
From Board of Finance:		
Interest on Sundry Bonds	$38 20	
Redemption of Lots, Old Acc't..	16 37	
		54 57
From State of New Jersey:		
Railroad and Canal Tax	$223,545 14	
State School Money, 1896	26,112 60	
State School Tax, 1896	223,121 14	
		472,778 88
From Consolidated Traction Company: 5% of Gross Receipts (Turnpike Line in Jersey City, Five Corners to Hackensack River)		1,061 83

From North Hudson County Railroad Company:		
5% of Gross Receipts on additional track during year, 1896		$85 30
From Sale of 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Taxes, 1896, due on demand		475,000 00
From Sale of 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, due on demand:		
Expense Improvement Laws, 1895	$30,000 00	
Awards for Lands taken, &c., DeKalb Avenue	1,808 74	
Awards for Lands taken, &c., Pearsall Avenue	4,231 10	
Awards for Lands taken, &c., Runyon Avenue	824 50	
School Sites	100,000 00	
		136,864 34
From Sale of 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, due December 1, 1897:		
Expenses Railroad Tax		15,227 49
From Sale of 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, due December 10, 1897:		
Street Lighting	$7,500 00	
Repairs Old City Hall	3,500 00	
Judgments	1,883 25	
Cleaning Streets	1,500 00	
Sewer, School No. 23	415 00	
Counsel, Street Lighting	563 08	
		15,361 33
From Sale of 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, due December 1, 1898:		
Claims, Board of Finance, 1896-97	$7,000 00	
Repairs to School Buildings	31,229 90	
Judgments	4,225 98	
Supplement Appropriation, Sewers and Basins, Board of Street and Water Commissioners	5,000 00	
Suplement Appropriation, Repairs to Unpaved Streets	1,000 00	
Repairing Building, Overseer of Poor	787 50	
Expense City Hall Commission	8,420 00	
		57,663 38

From Sale of 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, due December 10, 1898:			
Assessment Crescent Avenue, intersection Harmon Street..	$252 09		
Expense Special Election.....	4,500 00		
Repairs &c., School Nos. 1, 24...	4,611 60		
Salary (Erwin).....	1,122 23		
		$10,485 92	
From Sale of 4% Fire Salaries Bonds:			
due January 1, 1898.....	$12,375 09		
due January 1, 1899.....	12,375 08		
		24,750 17	
From Sale of 4% Joint Outlet Sewer Bonds,			
due January 1, 1901.....		36,768 64	
From Sale of 4% Street Lighting Bonds:			
due July 1, 1898.....	$3,800 00		
due July 1, 1899.....	3,800 00		
due July 1, 1900.....	3,800 00		
due July 1, 1901.....	3,800 00		
due July 1, 1902.....	3,800 00		
due July 1, 1903.....	3,800 00		
due July 1, 1904.....	3,800 00		
due July 1, 1905.....	3,800 00		
due July 1, 1906.....	3,800 00		
due July 1, 1907.....	3,800 00		
		38,000 00	
From Sale of 4% Fire Department Bonds, due June 1. 1909.....		12,000 00	
From Sale of 4% Station House Bonds, due February 15, 1910.....		7,500 00	
From Sale of 4% Park Bonds, due May 1, 1927.....		100,000 00	
From Sale of 4% School Bonds, due August 2, 1927.....		100,000 00	
			$257,500 00
Total.....			$3,888,457 00

EXHIBIT No. 2.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897

BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS:

Cleaning Streets, 1895-1896.....	$2,965 98	
Cleaning Streets, 1896-1897.....	39.201 00	
		$42,166 98
Cleaning Sewers, 1895-1896.....	945 25	
Cleaning Sewers, 1896-1897.....	16,007 17	
		16,952 42
Public Grounds and Buildings, 1895-1896.....	168 79	
Public Grounds and Buildings, 1896-1897.....	3,606 60	
		3,775 39
Salaries, 1895-1896.....	1,268 30	
Salaries, 1896-1897.....	13,524 28	
		14,792 58
Salary Foreman of Sewers, 1895-1896.....	100 00	
Salary, Inspector of Sewers, 1895-1896.....	200 00	
		300 00
Salary, Lamp Inspector, 1895-1896.....	100 00	
Salary, Lamp Inspector, 1896-1897.....	500 00	
		600 00
Printing and Stationery, 1895-1896.....	452 90	
Printing and Stationery, 1896-1897.....	2,052 10	
		2,505 00
Repairs to Unpaved Streets, 1895-1896.....	1,044 45	
Repairs to Unpaved Streets, 1896-1897.....	5,853 63	
		6,898 08
Street Lighting, 1895-1896.....	11,269 88	
Electric Lighting, 1896-1897....	92,743 32	
Gas and Oil Lighting, &c., 1896-1897.....	22,004 79	
		126,017 99
Street Lighting (Special).....		38,000 00
Reconstruction of Sewers, 1895 1896.....	127 61	

Reconstruction of Sewers, 1896-1897	$1,784 71		
		$1,912 32	
District Court Rentals, 1895-1896	675 00		
District Court Rentals, 1896-1897.	925 00		
		1,600 00	
Street Signs, 1895–1896		1,527 36	
Salary of Armorer, 1895–1896	125 00		
Salary of Armorer, 1896–1897	1,375 00		
		1,500 00	
Engineering Bureau, 1895–1896	1,266 66		
Engineering Bureau, 1896–1897	12,149 84		
		13,416 50	
Insurance 1896–1897		1,312 46	
Morgan Street Dock (Special)		2,438 90	
Expenses of Improvements, Laws of 1894 and 1895		26,313 35	
Repaving over Street Opening (Special)		2,002 91	
Building Engine House No. 3 (Special)		3,516 39	
Advertising Ordinances		320 90	
Repairs Building, Overseer of Poor		787 50	
Laws and Ordinances and Advertising Fund, 1895–1896	62 70		
Laws and Ordinances and Advertising Fund, 1896–1897	208 80		
		271 50	
Miscellaneous Claims, 1895–1896.		955 80	
Sewer, Public School No. 23		415 00	
Awards for Damages, Runyon Avenue		824 50	
Awards for Damages, Pearsall Avenue		4,231 10	
Awards for Damages, Cator Ave.		400 47	
Awards for Damages, Widening and Improvement DeKalb Avenue		1,808 74	
Ravine Road Sewer		31,768 64	
Expenses South Cove Grant (Special)		80 50	
			$349,413 28
BOARD OF ALDERMEN:			
Out-Door Poor, 1895–1896	48 80		
Out-Door Poor, 1896–1897	5,499 17		
		5,547 97	
Gas and Fuel for Armory, 1895–1896	50 70		

Gas and Fuel for Armory, 1896–1897	$1,720 94	$1,771 64	
Salaries, 1895–1896	858 32		
Salaries, 1896–1897	9,490 44	10,348 76	
District Court Salaries, 1895–1896	866 50		
District Court Salaries, 1896–1897	9,421 06	10,287 56	
Gas Engine, 4th Regiment Armory, 1895–1896		168 00	
Sale of Furniture, Old City Hall.		54 00	
Care of Horse, Building Inspector, 1895–1896	25 00		
Care of Horse, Building Inspector, 1896–1897	252 25	277 25	
Elections, 1895–1896	463 00		
Elections, 1896–1897	14,751 47	15,214 47	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies, 1896-1897		2,735 20	
Decoration Day, 1896-1897		300 00	
General Claims, 1895-1896		17,959 78	$64,664 63
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS:			
Salaries, 1895-1896	28,267 99		
Salaries, 1896-1897	322,804 01	351,072 00	
Police Justices and Clerks, 1895-1896		616 66	
General Claims, 1895-1896	4,712 13		
General Claims, 1896-1897	30,845 66	35,557 79	
Pensions, 1895-1896	1,074 64		
Pensions, 1896-1897	11,905 11	12,979 75	
Wiring Station Houses, 1896-1897		889 00	
Building Precinct Station House, (Hudson City Section)	7,500 00		
Hospital and Dispensary, 1896-1897	8,922 98		
City Board of Health	8,526 54	426,064 72	
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS:			
Salaries, 1895-1896	13,351 59		
Salaries, 1896-1897	141,985 18	155,336 77	

Claims, 1895-1896	$3,620 39		
Claims, 1896-1897	17,845 00		
		$21,465 39	
Pensions, 1895-1896	162 48		
Pensions, 1896-1897	1,816 85		
		1,979 33	
New Hose, 1896-1897		4,000 00	
Repairs to Department Buildings, 1896-1897		2,489 35	
Repairs to Apparatus, 1896-1897.		2,774 96	
Repairs to Fire Department Headquarters		8 00	
New Fire Engine (Marion District) 1896-1897		3,475 00	
			$191,528 80
BOARD OF EDUCATION:			
Teachers' Salaries, 1895–1896	$26,030 88		
Teachers' Salaries, 1896–1897	291,798 28		
		317,829 16	
Janitors' Salaries, 1895–1896	1,769 51		
Janitors' Salaries, 1896–1897	18,937 93		
		20,707 44	
Janitors' Supplies, 1895–1896	339 37		
Janitors' Supplies, 1896–1897	1,492 88		
		1,832 25	
Salaries, Superintendent & Clerk, 1895–1896	416 67		
Salaries, Superintendent & Clerk, 1896–1897	4,583 30		
		4,999 97	
Printing and Blanks, 1895–1896	22 20		
Printing and Blanks, 1896–1897	2,429 62		
		2,451 82	
Fitting up Old City Hall for School No. 1		3,500 00	
Books, Stationery and Supplies, 1895–1896	2,250 42		
Books, Stationery and Supplies, 1896-1897	14,215 63		
		16,466 05	
Fuel, 1895–1896	3,418 44		
Fuel, 1896–1897	5,664 12		
		9,082 56	
Night Schools and Books &c. for same, 1895–1896	1,360 00		
Night Schools and Books &c. for same, 1896–1897	4,361 40		
		5,721 40	
Gas, 1895–1896	304 50		
Gas, 1896–1897	755 70		
		1,060 20	

Repairs to School Buildings, 1895–1896	$804 46		
Repairs to School Buildings, 1896–1897	1,807 96		
Repairs to School Buildings, (Special)	3,186 31		
Repairs to School Buildings, (Special)	29,915 53		
		$35,714 26	
General Claims, 1894–1895		24 90	
Census, 1896–1897		2,681 15	
School Sites (Special)		46,977 99	
			$469,049 15
BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS:			
Salaries, 1895-1896	$1,249 97		
Salaries, 1896-1897	13,744 29		
		$14,994 26	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies, 1895-1896	295 22		
Printing, Stationery and Supplies, 1896-1897	881 20		
		1,176 42	
Incidentals, 1895-1896	3 20		
Incidentals, 1896-1897	195 00		
		198 20	
Preparing Record Books, 1895-1896	250 00		
Preparing Record Books, 1896-1897	500 00		
		750 00	
			17,118 88
COMMISSIONERS OF APPEALS:			
Salaries of Commissioners, 1895-1896	299 99		
Salaries of Commissioners, 1896-1897	3,299 86		
		3,599 85	
Stationery and Incidentals, 1895-1896	45 00		
Stationery and Incidentals, 1896-1897	147 95		
		192 95	
			3,792 80
SINKING FUND COMMISSION:			
Salaries of Commissioners and Clerk, 1895-1896	400 00		
Salaries of Commissioners and Clerk, 1896-1897	1,400 00		
		1,800 00	

Incidentals, 1895-1896.....	$30 00		
Incidentals, 1896-1897.....	78 45		
		$108 45	
			$1,908 45
COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENT:			
Printing and Stationery, 1895-1896.....		92 33	
Printing and Stationery, 1896-1897.....		32 25	
			124 58
CITY HALL COMMISSION:			
Maintenance New City Hall, 1895-1896.....		8,399 75	
Expense Board City Hall Commissioners, 1896-1897.....	21,805 21		
Less Cancelled.....	315 00		
		21,490 21	
			29 889 96
BOARD OF FINANCE:			
Salaries, 1895–1896.....	$4,641 64		
Salaries, 1896–1897.....	52,597 83		
		$57,239 47	
Publishing Minutes in Official Newspapers, 1895-1896.....	687 48		
Publishing Minutes in Official Newspapers, 1896–1897.....	5,041 52		
		5,729 00	
Printing, Stationery & Supplies, 1894–1895.....	79 63		
Printing, Stationery & Supplies, 1895–1896.....	1,945 75		
		2,025 38	
Claims, 1896, 1897.....		14,622 75	
District Court Fees (Special).....		1,959 10	
Free Public Library, 1896–1897..		29,779 87	
Cost of Assessment, Improvement Crescent Avenue, intersection with Harmon Street.....		252 09	
New Parks.....		77,192 76	
Claims, Legal Expenses and Judgments.....		23,163 25	
Claims and Contingencies.....		2.121 89	
Police Justices and Clerks, from Fines under Act Feb. 19, 1895,			
First Criminal Court.....	2,106 00		
Second Criminal Court.....	1,193 00		
		3,299 00	
Redemption of Lots (Old).....		315 07	
			217,699 68

County Collector:		
County Taxes, 1896.....	$462,478 16	
State School Tax, 1896.....	233,022 37	
		$695,500 53
Interest on General and Assessment Account Debt:		
December, 1896, Interest.....	34,500 00	
January, 1897, Interest.....	77,932 25	
February, 1897, Interest.....	44,590 00	
March, 1897, Interest.....	17,680 00	
April, 1897, Interest.....	70,700 00	
May, 1897, Interest	33,415 98	
June, 1897, Interest.....	34,500 00	
July, 1897, Interest.....	77,692 25	
August, 1897, Interest.....	45,886 66	
September, 1897, Interest.....	17,680 00	
October, 1897, Interest.....	70,700 00	
November, 1897, Interest.....	27,125 00	
		552,402 14
Taxes, &c., Returned, Paid in Error:		
Taxes. 1896.....	$691 84	
Interest on Taxes, 1896.....	4 05	
Taxes, 1895.....	358 26	
Interest on Taxes, 1895.....	6 44	
Taxes, 1894.....	123 67	
Interest on Taxes, 1894.....	17 65	
Taxes, 1893	46 98	
Interest on Taxes, 1893.....	11 06	
Taxes, 1892.....	48 24	
Interest on Taxes, 1892.....	15 44	
Taxes, 1891.....	121 28	
Interest on Taxes, 1891.....	6 68	
Taxes, 1890.....	95 47	
Taxes, 1889.....	125 21	
		1,672 27
For Sinking Funds, 1896-1897:		
To pay $7,000, 4% Bonds due January 1, 1897.....	1,000 00	
To pay $525,000, 5% Bonds due February 1, 1913.....	12,000 00	
To pay $748,000, 5% Bonds due January 2, 1922.....	15,000 00	
To pay 700,000, 5% Bonds due September 1, 1923.....	14,000 00	
To pay $600,000, 5% Bonds due May 1, 1924	12,000 00	
		54,000 00

Total Amount of Warrants Issued (Less Cancelled) December 1, 1896 to November 30, 1897..			$3,074,829 82
Amount of Warrants Issued Previous to December 1, 1896, outstanding at that date.....			21,992 67
			$3,096,822 49
Amount of Warrants outstanding, November 30, 1897.....			16,151 99
Total Amount of Warrants Paid during the Fiscal Year.....			$3,080,670 50
Payments by other than Warrants as follows:			
4% Temporary Loan Bonds due December 1, 1896, Supplementary Appropriation, Public Grounds and Buildings, 1895–1896 (Parks).....	$1,200 00		
Purchase of Property Adjoining Public School No. 24.....	600 00		
Purchase of Property Adjoining Public School No. 8.....	1,554 25		
		$3,354 25	
4% Temporary Loan Bond (Account Taxes 1894) due on demand.....		179,000 00	
4% Police Headquarters Bonds, due January 1, 1896.....		5,000 00	
4% Police Headquarters Bonds, due January 1, 1897.....		5,000 00	
Interest on Sundry Temporary Loan Bonds.....		5,046 43	
Interest on Temporary Loan Bonds (Account Taxes 1894).		6,540 00	
Interest on Temporary Loan Bonds (Account Taxes 1895).		3,304 12	
4% Temporary Loan Bonds (Account Taxes 1895) due on demand.....		250,000 00	
4½% Armory Bond due January 1, 1897.....		1,000 00	
4% New City Hall Bond due February 10, 1897.....		10,000 00	
To Assessment Account, to return amount of warrant paid in error.....		10 00	
			468,254 80
			$3,548,925 30
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			339,531 70
Grand Total.....			$3,888,457 00

EXHIBIT No. 3.

ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1896			$15,611 26
From Assessment Collections	$56,258 80		
From Assessment Interest Collections	5,829 39	$62,088 19	
From Adjusted Assessments (collections)	$10,375 97		
From Adjusted Assessments (Sales)	4,253 10	14,629 07	
From Six Year Improvement Certificates, Laws, 1894 $3,224 78			
Laws, 1895 7,860 00	$11,084 78		
From Interest Six Year Improvement Certificates	393 24	11,478 02	
Transferred from City Treasury, Special Assessments, to pay:			
Salaries Commissioners of Assessments	$5,765 00		
Loan Account for Expenses Improvement Laws, 1894 and 1895	33,249 93	39,014 93	
From City Treasury, General Account, to correct error		10 00	
			127,220 21
Total			$142,831 47

EXHIBIT No. 4.

ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

For Printing and Advertising, Inspector's Fees, Final on Contracts, Lands Taken, Damages Awarded and Returned Deposits on the following Improvements and retained Percentage on Contracts:			
Opening Cator Avenue	$42 50		
Improvement Sip Avenue and Wiley Street	62 00		
Main Sewer Girard Avenue	760 00		
Improvement West Side Avenue	1,526 17		
Main Sewer Dwight Street	902 04		
Main Sewer Mill Creek	179 36		
Improvement Custer Avenue	309 75		
Main Sewer Pine Street	80 43		
Sewer Prospect Street	66 10		
Sewer Woodlawn Avenue	138 25		
Improvement Old Bergen Road	257 83		
Improvement Sip Avenue, Bergen to Boulevard	222 48		
Main Sewer Westside Avenue	7 00		
		$4,553 91	
For Salaries, Commissioner, of Assessments		2,999 88	
For Sinking Fund, April 1, 1916, to pay $1,469,000 5% Assessment Bonds, due April 1, 1916		15,000 00	
Total Amount of Warrants Issued		$22,553 79	
Amount of Warrants Outstanding November 30, 1896		5,865 27	
		$28,419 06	
Amount of Warrants Outstanding November 30, 1897		3,044 68	
Amount of Warrants Paid			$25,374 38
Payments by Other than Warrants, as follows:			
One Year Improvement Certificates		$98,000 00	
Interest on One Year Improvement Certificates		4,410 00	
Purchased Six Year Improvement Certificates		500 00	

Transferred to correct error of deposits of Assessments	$301 00	
Transferred to correct error of deposits of Interest	19 59	
Transferred to General Account to return amount of Warrant paid in error	10 00	
		$103,240 59
		$128,614 97
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		14,216 50
Grand Total		$142,831 47

EXHIBIT No. 5.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896		$31,587 64
From Assessment Collections:		
Improvement No. 1. Improvement of Bostwick Place	$100 40	
Improvement No. 2. Improvement of Oak Street	4,682 19	
Improvement No. 3. Improvement of Atlantic Street	5,349 37	
Improvement No. 4. Improvement of Claremont Avenue	1,235 78	
Improvement No. 5. Improvement of Carteret Avenue	1,224 44	
Improvement No. 6. Improvement of Clerk Street	1,466 29	
Improvement No. 7. Improvement of Thorne Street	1,616 84	
Improvement No. 8. Improvement of Sherman Avenue	2,532 48	
Improvement No. 9. Improvement of Fairmont Avenue	1,361 78	
Improvement No. 10. Sewer, Ocean Avenue	1,410 94	
Improvement No. 11. Sewer, St. Paul's Avenue	565 60	
Improvement No. 12. Improvement of Ogden Avenue	1,975 05	
Improvement No. 13. Improvement of Brown Place	217 90	
Improvement No. 14. Improvement of Fourteenth Street	1,071 20	
Improvement No. 15. Improve of Sea View Avenue	742 61	
Improvement No 16. Improvement of Wilks Street	146 40	
Improvement No 17. Sewer, Larch Avenue	265 37	
Improvement No. 18. Sewer, Marion Place	104 43	
Improvement No. 19. Improvement of Jersey Avenue	1,734 90	
Improvement No 20. Sewer, Cambridge Avenue	430 00	

Improvement No. 21. Sewer, Summit Avenue.....	$257 60
Improvement No. 22. Improvement of Ege Avenue.....	1,442 00
Improvement No. 23. Improvement of Montgomery Street.	2,130 40
Improvement No. 24. Sewer, Boyd Avenue.....	440 15
Improvement No. 25. Improvement of Union Street.....	5,064 09
Improvement No. 26. Sewer, Harmon Street.....	243 23
Improvement No. 27. Sewer, Garrison Avenue.....	416 74
Improvement No. 28. Improvement of St. Paul's Avenue..	5,274 06
Improvement No. 29. Improvement of Hancock Avenue...	2,331 56
Improvement No. 30. Improvement of Lincoln Avenue....	2,875 46
Improvement No. 31. Sewer, Fifteenth Street.....	299 20
Improvement No. 32 Improvement of Pamrapo Avenue..	2,156 96
Improvement No. 33. Improvement of Randolph Avenue..	492 69
Improvement No. 34. Sewer, Ege Avenue	812 60
Improvement No. 35. Sewer, Van Wagener Avenue.....	566 91
Improvement No. 36. Sewer, Randolph Avenue.....	146 18
Improvement No. 37. Sewer, Kearney Avenue	488 50
Improvement No. 38. Sewer, Columbia Avenue.....	562 34
Improvement No. 39. Improvement of Lake Street (Grading).....	1,339 00
Improvement No. 40. Improvement of Lake Street (Paving).	1,609 50
Improvement No. 41. Improvement of Van Winkle Street..	1,483 60
Improvement No. 42. Improvement of Oakland Avenue....	2,968 12
Improvement No. 43. Improvement Orchard, Crawford to Montgomery	1 372 32

Improvement No. 44. Sewer, Southeast of Passaic to Central	$676 00
Improvement No. 45. Sewer, Central Avenue, Booraem to Manhattan	352 00
Improvement No. 46. Sewer, Tonnele, North of St. Pauls to St. Pauls	1,095 60
Improvement No. 47. Improvement Virginia, Jackson to Bergen	4,214 60
Improvement No. 48. Improvement Cambridge, North to Congress	2,231 50
Improvement No. 49. Sewer, Nelson Avenue, Bleecker to Secaucus Road	6,322 96
Improvement No. 50. Sewer, Leonard, 90 feet from Boulevard to Nelson	567 00
Improvement No. 51. Sewer, Bayview Avenue, 90 feet East of Ocean to Arlington	303 48
Improvement No. 52. Improvement Crescent Avenue, Communipaw to Clinton	1,468 88
Improvement No. 53. Improvement Gifford Place, Bergen to Boulevard	7,279 29
Improvement No. 54. Improvement Fairview Avenue, Westside to Boulevard	1,153 14
Improvement No. 55. Improvement Claremont Avenue, Jackson to Bergen	5,689 30
Improvement No. 56. Sewer, Duncan Avenue, Boulevard to Westside	718 00
Improvement No. 57. Sewer, Myrtle Avenue 600 feet West of Ocean to Ocean	1,089 00
Improvement No. 58. Sewer, Ogden and Booraem Avenue, from Wood Place to Palisade	331 34
Improvement No. 59. Sewer, Irving Street from 90 feet East of Summit to Central	284 42

Improvement No. 60. Sewer, Cambridge Avenue from 90 feet S. of Bowers to 120feet N. of Griffith.....	$695 50
Improvement No. 61. Improvement Prescott Place, between Grand Street and Park Street	2,333 39
Improvement No. 62. Improvement Van Winkle, Boulevard to Tonnele.....	818 50
Improvement No. 63. Sewer from 90 feet West of Boulevard to Germania, &c.....	695 00
Improvement No. 64. Improvement Congress St., Central to Summit Avenue.....	1,183 62
Improvement No. 65. Improvement Pavonia Avenue, Chestnut to Summit Avenue.....	1,602 10
Improvement No. 66. Improvement Cottage Street, Boulevard to Lands of Penn'a R R.	2,597 04
Improvement No. 67. Improvement North Street, Boulevard to Nelson Avenue.....	443 44
Improvement No. 68. Improvement Grace Street, Boulevard to Nelson Avenue.....	393 00
Improvement No. 69. Sewer, Thorne Street, from 90 feet West of Central to Summit..	299 62
Improvement No. 70. Sewer, Waverly Street, from 325 feet East of Oakland to Oakland.	376 35
Improvement No. 71. Main Branch Sewer, Westside Ave. from N. & N. Y. R. R to Pollock Avenue, through Pollock to Mallory, through Mallory to Hatch.....	1,555 00
Improvement No. 72. Sewer, Sherman Place, from 195 feet W. of Summit Ave. to Sanford Place.....	1,420 00
Improvement No. 73. Improvement Winfield Avenue, from Garfield Avenue to Avenue E.	179 60

Improvement No. 74. Sewer, Pavonia Avenue, lands of Penn. R. R. to Westside...	$1,305 00
Improvement No. 75. Sewer, Clark Avenue, from 90 feet West of Westside Avenue to Mallory &c.....	156 34
Improvement No. 76. Sewer Broadway, Tonnele to Westside	700 00
Improvement No. 77. Sewer, Graham Street, from 365 feet East of Summit to Central...	395 55
Improvement No. 78. Improvement Jones Street from Sip Avenue to Newkirk Street...	637 66
Improvement No. 79. Improvement Arlington Avenue, between Grand Street and Bayview Avenue, through Bayview from Arlington to Garfield, and Garfield from Bayview to about 300 feet South of Gates.....	13,802 45
Improvement No. 80. Sewer, Walker Ave., from Bergen Avenue to Van Cleef Street.	1,592 59
Improvement No. 81. Widening and Improvement of Cator Avenue, from Ocean Avenue to Old Bergen Road.....	1,725 28
Improvement No. 82. Improvement Garrison Ave., Stuyvesant Avenue to Tonnele Ave.	1,596 05
Improvement No. 83. Improvement Old Bergen Road from Gates Avenue to 53rd Street.	1,241 00
Improvement No. 84. Sewer, Virginia Avenue, from 90 ft. West of Bergen Avenue to Westside, also Sewer under Easterly Sidewalks of Boulevard, between 90 feet South of Boyd Avenue and N. & N. Y. R R. Lands.....	492 40
Improvement No. 85. Sewer, Bentley and Harrison Aves., Boulevard to Westside Ave..	1,445 96

Improvement No. 86. Sewer, Tonnele Avenue, 100 feet North of Newark Avenue to St. Paul's Avenue.....	$300 00	
Improvement No. 88. Improvement 13th Street from Jersey Avenue to Coles Street.....	300 33	
Improvement No. 89. Improvement Reservoir Avenue, from Webster Avenue to Central Avenue.....	412 25	
Improvement No. 90 Improvement Zabriskie Street, Summit Avenue to Boulevard	1,184 05	
Improvement No. 91. Improvement Hague Street from Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road	1,116 70	
Improvement No. 92. Improvement Glenwood Ave., from Bergen Avenue to Westside Avenue.....	1,778 75	
Improvement No. 93. Improvement Arlington Avenue, from Communipaw Avenue to Grand Street.....	5,511 97	
Improvement No. 94. Improvement Clinton Avenue, from Jackson Avenue to Bergen Avenue.....	37 00	
Improvement No. 95. Improvement Linden Avenue, Avenue E to Ocean Avenue and Old Bergen Road to Boulevard..	39 00	
Improvement No. 96. Sewer, Hoadley Avenue, from 115 feet West of Westside Ave. to Mallory Avenue, and Mallory Avenue to Clendenny Avenue.....	1,832 21	
Improvement No. 97. Improvement Neptune Avenue from Boulevard to Ocean Avenue.	416 15	
	745 05	
		$149,848 58
From Interest, Improvement Laws, 1894-1895.....	$6,386 41	
From Joint Outlet Sewer, Jersey City and West Hoboken.....	5,401 10	

From Interest, Joint Outlet Sewer.....	$179 94	
From Six Year Improvement Certificates Purchased.....	7,058 89	
From Interest Improvement Certificates Purchased.....	55 23	
		$19,081 57
Total..		$200,517 79

EXHIBIT No. 6.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Paid Six Year Improvement Certificates issued under Chapters 217 and 289, Laws of 1895	$112,344 46		
Paid Six Year Improvement certificates issued under Chapter 166, Laws of 1894	9,200 00		
		$121,544 46	
Paid Interest Six Year Improvement Certificates, Laws, 1894 and 1895		31 47	
Transferred to City Treasury Assessment. Account to pay Salaries Commissioners of Assessment	$5,765 00		
Loan Account for Expenses Improvement Laws, 1894 and 1895 (From Assessment Account)	33,249 93		
		39,014 93	
Transferred to City Treasury Bond Account, to pay part $36,639, 5% Joint Outlet Sewer Bonds, due May 1, 1897		12,639 00	
Transferred to City Treasury Special General to pay Interest on Six Year Improvement Certificates (Interest Received on Account Assessments)		2,400 00	
			$175,629 86
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			24,887 93
Grand Total			$200,517 79

EXHIBIT No. 7.

SPECIAL GENERAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1896			$4,102 70
From Deposits and Payments, Account of Sale of Property for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, &c.		$38,786 57	
From Redemption of Lots Sold for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, &c.		48,526 01	
From Redemption of Lots (Old Account)		421 25	
From Property Purchased by the City, and since Redeemed or assigned:			
At Sales for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes		17,551 44	
From Interest on Certificates of Sale for Property Purchased by the City:			
For Unpaid Adjusted Taxes		4,025 28	
From Subsequent Taxes on Property purchased by the City and since redeemed or assigned:	$5,363 79		
From Interest on Subsequent Taxes	404 72	5,768 51	
From Sale of Property Purchased by the City at sales for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes &c. (Deeds given Purchaser)		2,641 25	
From Rent and Damages of Property Purchased by the City at Sales for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes &c.		1,530 80	
From Return of Expenses charged against property purchased by the City at Tax Sales		1,881 71	
From Payment on account of Martin Act, Property Sold by the City at Public Auction:			
Sale of March 25 and 26, 1896	$2,773 60		
Sale of June 16 and 23, 1897	69,804 50	72,578 10	
From Subsequent Taxes Returned		416 08	
From Sale 4½ % Six Year Improvement Certificates Purchased	$66,324 21		
From Interest	331 30	66,655 51	

Transferred from City Treasury, Special Assessment, to pay Interest on Six Year Improvement Certificates...		$2,400 00
From Sale of 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, to pay interest on Six Year Improvement Certificates.		19,696 39
From Sale of 4% Tax Redemption Bonds, Due Option of the City, proceeds used in payment for Property Purchased by the City for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, &c.		5,060 09
From Sale of 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of the City, proceeds used to pay Subsequent Tax and Assessments on Property Purchased by the City for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, &c.....		40,000 00
From Tax Arreage Fund, 1893:		
To pay interest due January 1, 1897, on $325,000 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1900, Account Taxes, 1893.....	$7,312 50	
To pay interest due July 1, 1896, on $325,000 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1900, Account Taxes, 1893..	7,312 50	
		14,625 00
From Tax Arrearage Fund, 1892:		
To pay interest due January 1, 1897, on $412,000 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due May 10, 1899, Account Taxes, 1892.....	$9,270 00	
To pay Interest due July 1, 1897 on $412,000 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due May 10, 1899, Account Taxes, 1892.....	9,270 00	
		18,540 00
From Taxes Arrearage Fund, 1891:		
To pay Interest due January 1, 1897 on $410,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1898, Account Taxes, 1891.	$9,225 00	
To pay Interest due July 1, 1897, on $410,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1898, Account Taxes, 1891..	9,225 00	
		18,450 00

From Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890:			
To pay Interest due January 1, 1897 on $134,000, 5% Tax Arrearage Bonds due January 1, 1897, Account Taxes, 1890..	$10,850 00		
To pay Interest due July 1, 1897, on $170,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1897, Account Taxes, 1890..	3,825 00		
		$14 675 00	
From Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889:			
To pay Interest due January 1, 1897, on $100,500, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due July 1, 1898, Account Taxes, 1889.	$1 511 65		
To pay Interest due July 1, 1897, on $100,500, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due July 1, 1898, Account Taxes, 1889	2,261 25		
		3,772 90	
From Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888:			
To pay Interest due October 1, 1897, on $245,000, 4% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due October 1, 1898, Account Taxes, 1888.		4,900 00	
From Tax Arrearage Fund:			
To pay Interest due April 1, 1897, on $55,000, 3½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1898, and on $386,000, 3½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due April 1, 1899, Account Taxes, 1875 to 1887.....	$7,717 50		
To pay Interest due October 1, 1897, on $55,000, 3½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1898, and on $386,000, 3½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due April 1, 1899, Account Taxes, 1875 to 1887	7,717 50		
		15,435 00	
			$418,336 89
Total.....			$422,439 59

EXHIBIT No. 8.

SPECIAL GENERAL ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Paid 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, due Option of City, Account Adjusted Taxes		$75,884 25	
Paid 4% Subsquent Tax Bonds, due Option of City		40,000 00	
Paid 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, due Option of City, Account Taxes 1889		1,000 00	
Paid for Property purchased by the City at Sales for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes &c		5,060 09	
Paid Subsequent Taxes and Assessments on Property purchased by the City at Sales for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes &c		23,533 03	
Paid Purchasers the Amount received for the Redemption of Lands, Sold for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes &c		46,301 35	
Paid Interest on 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, due Option of City, Account Taxes 1889		160 00	
Paid Interest on 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, due Option of City, Account Adjusted Taxes		7,655 10	
Paid Interest on 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of City		502 25	
Purchased 6 year Improvement Certificates		54,580 85	
Paid Interest on 6 year Improvement Certificates Purchased		284 37	
Paid Commissions on Rents Collected on Property Purchased by the City at Sales for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes &c		85 07	
			$255,046 36
Paid Interest due January 1, 1897:			
On $325,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1893, due January 1, 1900	$7,312 50		
On $412,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1892, due May 10, 1899	9,270 00		

On $410,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1891, due January 1, 1898.....	$9,225 00		
On $434,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1890, due January 1, 1897.....	10,850 00		
On $100,500, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1889, due July 1, 1898.....	1,511 65		
		$38,169 15	
Paid Interest due July 1, 1897:			
On $325,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1893, due January 1, 1900.....	$7,312 50		
On $412,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1892, due May 10, 1899.....	9,270 00		
On $410,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1891, due January 1, 1898.....	9,225 00		
On $170,000, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1890, due January 1, 1899.....	3,825 00		
On $100,500, 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1889, due July 1, 1898.....	2,261 25		
		31,893 75	
Paid Interest due April 1, 1897, on $55,000, 3½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1898, and on 386,000, 3½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due April 1, 1899, Account Taxes, 1875, to 1887.....		7,717 50	
Paid Interest due October 1, 1897, on $55,000, 3½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1898, and on $386,000 3½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due April 1, 1899, Account Taxes, 1875 to 1887.....		7,717 50	
Paid Interest due April 1, 1897, on $245,000, 4% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due October 1, 1898, Account Taxes, 1888.....		4,443 56	
Paid Interest due October 1, 1897 on $245,000, 4% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due October 1, 1898, Account Taxes, 1888.....		4,900 00	
			$94,841 46

Paid Interest on Six Year Improvement Certificates, (Laws, 1894 and 1895			$18,777 68
Distribution of Deposits and Payments received from Property sold for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, &c.:			
To Tax Arrearage Fund:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1875 to 1887, inclusive	$3,084 48		
Interest on Adjusted Taxes, &c.	4,399 62		
		$7,484 10	
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1893:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1893		4,411 44	
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1892:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1892		4,816 19	
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1891:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1891		3,402 83	
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1890		2,742 66	
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1889		2,012 20	
To Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1888		1,101 90	
To Sinking Fund, 1873:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1872 and Previous Years	$51 86		
Adjusted Taxes, 1873 and 1874	175 00		
		226 86	
			26,198 18
To General Account:			
Advertising Sale for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, &c	$830 00		
Adjusted Taxes, 1894	4,320 85		
Adjusted Taxes, 1895	168 71		
		$5,319 56	
To Water Account:			
Adjusted Water Rents		2,789 21	
To Assessment Account:			
Adjusted Assessments		4,253 10	
To Surplus Account:			
Amount of Surplus money received from Sales of Property for Unpaid Adjusted Taxes, &c		226 52	
			12,588 39
Transfer to City Treasury, General Account, to correct error		$421 25	
Transfer to City Treasury, Adjusted Lien Account, to correct error of payment of Commission (Stevens).		23 90	
			445 15
			$407,897 22
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			14,542 37
Grand Total			$422,439 59

EXHIBIT No. 9

SPECIAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896		$23,855 00
From Liquor License Account on account of 25% of Liquor License Fees:		
License Year 1896–1897	$15,000 00	
License Year 1897–1898	60,000 00	
		75,000 00
Total		$98,855 00

EXHIBIT No 10.

SPECIAL SCHOOL ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Paid on Account:			
Building School House No. 1	$34,764 50		
Building School House No. 9	10,383 79		
		$45,148 29	
Paid for Advertising		105 70	
Paid for Supplies		4 80	
			$45,258 79
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			53,596 21
Grand Total			$98,855 00

EXHIBIT No. 11.

SPECIAL STREET ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$7,301 16
From Liquor License Account on account of 50 % of Liquor License Fees:			
License year 1896–1897	$35,813 00		
License year 1897–1898	127,517 97		
		$163,330 97	
From Consolidated Traction Co., their portion cost bridge Cornelison Avenue and Montgomery Street.		2,782 93	
From Repaving Secaucus Road		717 65	
From Sale Horses, Wayne St. Stable		144 50	
			166,976 05
Total			$174,277 21

EXHIBIT No. 12

SPECIAL STREET ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Paid for Labor, Material and Inspector's Fees on Special Improvements..		$38,409 11	
Paid for Repairs to Streets, &c:			
Henry Byrne, Contract No. 894..	$3,714 11		
Michael Mullery, Contract No. 925.....	1,642 59		
The Barber Asphalt Paving Co., Contracts Nos. 929 and 968..	30,685 16		
John J. Shea, Contract No. 958..	6,534 14		
Henry Byrne, Contract No. 815..	911 85		
H F. Hayes, Contract No. 901..	60 25		
D. D. Clark, Contract No. 955...	425 75		
Edward O'Neill, Contract No. 956.....	1,292 75		
John Ballen, Contract No. 890...	27 38		
John Hopkins, Contract No. 1007.	1,925 50		
M T. Connolly, Contract No. 1012	2,569 60		
Rehill & Edwards, Contract No. 988.....	500 00		
Henry Byrne, Contract No. 1022.	1,310 24		
F. J. Hall, Contract No. 1017....	330 85		
The Barber Asphalt Paving Co., Contract No. 989.....	5,478 30		
		57,408 47	
Paid Henry Puster, Attorney Holmes & Cogan Judgment.		498 00	
Total Amount of Warrants Issued December 1, 1896 to November 30, 1897.....			$96,315 58
Amount of Warrants Outstanding November 30, 1896.....			732 80
			$97,048 38
Amount of Warrants Outstanding November 30, 1897.....			269 47
Amount of Warrants paid.....			$96,778 91
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897.....			77,498 30
Grand Total.....			$174,277 21

EXHIBIT No. 13.

ADJUSTED LIENS.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1896		$38,664 10
From Collections (other than sales) of Adjusted Taxes, Assessments and Water Rents	$117,762 63	
From Recording Deeds and Indexing under Martin Act	97 68	
From Six Year Improvement Certificates Purchased	145,754 23	
From Interest on Six Year Improvement Certificates Purchased	3,291 71	
From City Treasury, Special General, to correct error of Payments of Commissions to Stevens	23 90	
		266,930 15
Total		$305,594 25

EXHIBIT No. 14.

ADJUSTED LIENS.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Paid Commissioners of Adjustment....	$2,100 00		
Paid Advertising and Expenses.....	14,364 24		
Purchased Six Year Improvement Certificates.....	47,876 24		
Interest on Certificates Purchased.....	128 01		
Return of Amount paid in error.....	1,054 16		
		$65,522 65	
Transferred to General Account:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1895	$20,286 93		
Adjusted Taxes, 1894.....	27,628 46		
Advertising Adjusted Tax Sales.	358 00		
		48,273 39	
Transferred to Assessment Account:			
Adjusted Assessments.....		10,375 97	
Transferred to Water Account:			
Adjusted Water Rents.....		11,451 96	
Transferred to Tax Arrearage Fund:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1875 to 1887....	$4,934 42		
Interest on Adjusted Taxes &c..	6,612 09		
		11,546 51	
Transferred to Tax Arrearage Fund, 1893:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1893.....		46,835 21	
Transferred to Tax Arrearage Fund, 1892:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1892.....		30,639 02	
Transferred to Tax Arrearage Fund, 1891:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1891.....		23,480 67	
Transferred to Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1890.....		11,937 92	
Transferred to Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1889.....		9,983 32	
Transferred to Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1888.....		2,420 51	
Transferred to Sinking Fund, 1873:			
Adjusted Taxes, 1873.....		259 82	
Rent of Property paid in error.....		23 90	
			$272,750 85
Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1897.....			32,843 40
Grand Total.....			$305,594 25

EXHIBIT No. 15.

BOND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1896			$1,000 00
From Sale of Bonds:			
4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1890, due January 1, 1899	$170,000 00		
4½% Refunded General Bonds, due May 1, 1927	450,000 00		
4% Joint Outlet Sewer Bond, due on demand	24,000 00		
4% School Bonds, due August 2, 1927	100,000 00		
		$744,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds Sold:			
On $450,000, 4½% Refunded General Bonds, due May 1, 1927.	$33,885 00		
On $200,000, 4% School Bonds, due August 2, 1927	7,895 24		
		41,780 24	
From Sinking Fund, 1873:			
To pay, 4% Temporary Loan Bond due December 1, 1896.	$300 00		
To pay part of $500,000 Funded Debt Bonds due May 1, 1897.	50,000 00		
		50,300 00	
From Sinking Fund January 1, 1897:			
To pay 4% Engine House Bonds due January 1, 1897		7,000 00	
From Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890:			
To pay 5% Tax Arrearage Bonds Account Taxes, 1890, due January 1, 1897		264,000 00	
From Special Assessment Account:			
To pay part of $36,639 Joint Outlet Sewer Bonds, due May 1, 1897		12,639 00	
			1,119,719 24
Total			$1,120,719 24

EXHIBIT No. 16.

BOND ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Paid 4% Temporary Loan Bond due Dec. 1, 1896 (General Account)..	$300 00		
Paid 4% Engine House Bond due January 1, 1897 (General Account)	7,000 00		
Paid 5% Tax Arrearage Bonds account Taxes 1890, due January 1, 1897 (General Account).....	434,000 00		
Paid 5% Joint Outlet Sewer Bonds due January 1, 1897 (General Account)	36,639 00		
Paid 7% Funded Debt Bonds due May 1, 1897 (General Account).....	488,500 00		
Paid 4% Temporary Loan Bonds due on demand (Schools).....	100,000 00		
		$1,066,439 00	
Transfer to Sinking Fund, May 1, 1927: Premium and Interest received on $450,000 4½% Refunded General Bonds (Gold) due May 1, 1927		33,885 00	
			$1,100,324 00
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897.....			20,395 24
Grand Total.....			$1,120,719 24

EXHIBIT No. 17.

CITY HALL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1896			$42,914 26
From Sale of 4% New City Hall Bonds, due:			
February 1, 1904	$4,000 00		
February 1, 1905	10,000 00		
February 1, 1906	10,000 00		
February 1, 1907	10,000 00		
		$34,000 00	
From Sale 4% Temporary Loan Bond due on demand		38,548 40	
From Rebate on Insurance		264 91	
From Sale Building Old Board of Works		680 00	
			73,493 31
Total			$116,407 57

EXHIBIT No. 18.

CITY HALL ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Paid Thomas Harrington, Contract No. 213A	$4,500 00	
Paid H. J. Harned, Contract No 183A	2,441 00	
Paid W. W. Farrier, Contract No. 139A.	908 00	
Paid R. English, Contract No. 136A	9,036 00	
Paid Miles Tube Company, Contract No. 195A	1,890 00	
Paid W. W. Farrier, Contract No. 216A.	1,274 50	
Paid Fagan Iron Works, Contract No. 231A	947 00	
Paid St. Louis Art Metal Company, Contract No. 212A	23,250 00	
Paid N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Co., Contract No. 209A	1,740 00	
Paid Derby Desk Co., Contract No. 252A	5,000 00	
Paid Fagan Iron Works, Contract No. 224A	489 00	
Paid John Kiernan, Contract No. 223A.	728 00	
Paid John Kiernan, Contract No. 138A.	10,870 00	
Paid Lord & Taylor, Contract No. 225A.	4,620 73	
Paid Derby, Abercrombie & Co., Contract No. 236A	400 68	
		$68,094 91
Paid Davis, Reed and Alexander, fixing Walls, &c	$250 00	
Paid John Kiernan, flooring	490 00	
Paid B. Donaldson, Doors, &c	712 00	
Paid Herman Kreitler, Expert on roof	45 00	
Paid Fagan Iron Works, Supplies	780 12	
Paid Harned & Mitchell, Painting, &c.	851 40	
Paid T. W. Dorsett, Supplies	240 00	
Paid M. Tasker & Co., Electric Light Poles	457 44	
Paid W. W. Farrier, Repairs, &c	36 22	
Paid P. E. Martin, Repairs	8 50	
Paid L. H. Broome, Extra Services	1,062 20	
Paid Mitchell, Vance & Co., Supplies	200 00	
Paid the Fairbanks Co., Scales	350 00	
Paid Wood & Menagh, Supplies	755 05	
Paid Miles Pneumatic Tube Co., Extra.	269 77	
Paid Feury Mfg. Co., Elevator	95 00	

Paid Brauer, Ancher & Ransom, Supplies	$64 42		
Paid the Barber Asphalt Paving Co.	17 30		
Paid Western Electric Co	732 88		
Paid Thomas Harrington	1,256 99		
Paid Lord & Taylor, Supplies	26 65		
Paid H. F. Hayes, Supplies	78 00		
Paid James F. Bush, Services and Supplies	1,998 20		
Paid J. W. Harrison, Supplies	344 65		
Paid C. A. Schaefer, Supplies	98 50		
Paid E. Inhauser, Supplies	47 00		
Paid P. H. Hanley, Repairs and Supplies	213 50		
Paid Auerbacher & Veninio, Supplies	21 50		
Paid P. Semmer Glass Co., Supplies	175 00		
Paid N. Y. Standard Watch Co., Clocks	420 00		
Paid D. A. Beckwith, Supplies	781 00		
Paid T. W. Leake, Paint	100 00		
Paid C. Gulberg, Repairing Clock	30 00		
Paid J. Ringle & Son, Repairing Roof	390 00		
Paid J. O. Donohue, Corporate Seal	320 00		
Paid Manhattan Brass Co	66 00		
Paid P. Derby & Co	90 00		
Paid J. L. Smith, Supplies	164 50		
Paid J. Dickson & Bro., Supplies	390 00		
Paid Yale & Towne Mfg., Mail Boxes	300 00		
Paid Savage & Callery, Supplies	324 00		
Paid Mrs. H. J. Hunter, Supplies	5 00		
Paid for Services and Advertising	3,442 30		
		$18,500 09	
			$86,595 00
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			29,812 57
Grand Total			$116,407 57

EXHIBIT No. 19.

SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896		$2,129 92
From amount received at sales for Adjusted Taxes, &c.; in excess of City Liens:		
Sale of April 14, 1897.		
Sale No. 7496, Block 809, Lot 41, Grace street	$151 52	
Sale No. 7349, Block 590–2023, Lot 51, Pacific Avenue	75 00	
		226 52
		$2,356 44

EXHIBIT No. 20.

SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Paid Amount of Surplus Received at Sundry Sales, as follow:		
Sale No. 5349, Block 1256, Lot G, Newark Bay	$29 87	
Sale No. 7496, Block 809, Lot 41, Grace Street	151 52	
Sale No. 7349, Block 590–2023, Lot 51, Pacific Avenue	75 00	
Sale No. 178, Block 216–217, Lots 51 to 62 B, York Street	124 25	
Sale No. 100, Block 269, Lot D, Jersey Avenue	263 03	
Sale No. 5561, Block 1348, Lot 24, Stevens Avenue	41 27	
		$684 94
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		1,671 50
Grand Total		$2,356 44

EXHIBIT NO. 21.

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896	$4,680 97

EXHIBIT No. 22.

SIDEWALK ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897	$4,680 97

EXHIBIT No. 23.

SPECIAL BOND ACCOUNT No. 2.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896	$95 43

EXHIBIT No. 24.

SPECIAL BOND ACCOUNT No. 2.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897	$95 43

EXHIBIT No. 25.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1896		$115,645 36
From Liquor Licenses granted and Transfers Received, Account License year 1896–1897	$3,315 85	
year 1897–1898	255,908 20	
		259,224 05
Total		$374,869 41

EXHIBIT No. 26.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Transfer to Special Street Account, on account of 50% of Liquor License Fees &c , received:			
Account, License Year 1896–1897	$35,813 00		
Account, License Year 1897–1898	127,517 97		
		$163,330 97	
Transfer to Special School Account, on account of 25% of Liquor License Fees &c., received:			
Account, License Year 1896–1897	$15,000 00		
Account, License Year 1897–1898	60,000 00		
		75,000 00	
Paid for Advertising		211 00	
Return of License and Transfer Fees		5,440 40	
Transfer to Sundry Sinking Funds, Account 25% License Fees &c. received to July 1, 1897:			
Sinking Fund, 1873	$15,000 00		
Sinking Fund, 1889, No. 1	30,000 00		
Sinking Fund, 1901, July 24	1,000 00		
Sinking Fund, 1902, Sept. 10	1,000 00		
Sinking Fund, 1882, No. 2	13,500 00		
Sinking Fund, 1882, No. 1	4,500 00		
		65,000 00	
			$308,982 37
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			65,887 04
Grand Total			$374,869 41

EXHIBIT No 27.

BONDED DEBT (EXCEPT WATER ACCOUNT), DECEMBER 1, 1897.

Issued	LOAN KNOWN AS	Rate of Interest	Interest Payable.	C. or Reg.	Year Due.	Issued by	General.	Assessment.
	To Pay for Property Purchased at Sales for Adjusted Taxes	4%	With Bond	Registered.	Opt'n of City	Consol'dCity	$324,474 89	
	To Pay for Property Purchased at Sales for Taxes, 1889.....	4%	"	"	"	"	90,000 00	
	To Pay for Property Purchased at Sales for Taxes, 1888.....	4%	"	"	"	"	39,000 00	
	To Pay Subsequent Taxes on Property Purchased at Tax Sales	4%	"	"	"	"	108,000 00	
1897	Joint Outlet Sewer (J.C. & W.H.)	4%	Jan. & July	"	Demand.	"	24,000 00	
1897	Salaries–Fire Department.....	4%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1898	"	12,375 09	
1889	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes, 1875 to 1887).....	3½%	Apr. & Oct.	"	Jan. 1, 1898	"	55,000 00	
1893	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes, 1891).....	4½%	Jan. & July	"	Jan. 1, 1898	"	410,000 00	
1890	Police Headquarters.....	4½%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1898	"	5,000 00	
1895	New Armory.....	4½%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1898	"	1,000 00	
1896	New City Hall.....	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Jan. 1, 1898	"	10,000 00	
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1898	"	10,000 00	
1869	Public Schools.....	7%	Jan. & July	Registered.	July 1, 1898	Bergen.	50,000 00	
1896	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes, 1889).....	4½%	"	"	July 1, 1898	Consol'dCity	100,500 00	
1897	Street Lighting.....	4%	"	"	July 1, 1898	"	3,800 00	
1896	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes 1888)..	4%	Apr. & Oct.	"	Oct. 1, 1898	"	245,000 00	
1897	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes 1890).....	4½%	Jan. & July	"	Jan. 1, 1899	"	170,000 00	
1897	Salaries–Fire Department.....	4%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1899	"	12,375 08	
1890	Police Headquarters.....	4%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1899	"	5,000 00	
1891	Police Department Buildings.....	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1899	"	10 900 00	

1895	New Armory	4½%	Jan. & July	Registered.	Jan. 1, 1899	Consol'dCity	1,000 00
1896	New City Hall	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Jan. 1, 1899	"	10,000 00
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1899	"	10,000 00
1889	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes, 1875 to 1887)	3½%	Apr. & Oct.	Registered.	Apr. 1, 1899	"	386,000 00
1894	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes, 1892)	4½%	Jan. & July	"	May 10, 1899	"	412,000 00
1897	Street Lighting	4%	"	"	July 1, 1899	"	3,800 00
1895	*Tax Arrearage (Account Taxes, 1893)	4½%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1900	"	325,000 00
1870	Public Schools	7%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1900	Bergen.	100,000 00
1891	Police Department Buildings	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1900	Consol'dCity	9,000 00
1890	Police Headquarters	4%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1900	"	5,000 00
1895	New Armory	4½%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1900	"	1,000 00
1896	New City Hall	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Jan. 1, 1900	"	10,000 00
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1900	"	10,000 00
1870	Public School	7%	Jan. & July	Registered.	Apr. 2, 1900	Hudson City	50,000 00
1870	Morgan Steeet Dock	7%	"	C. & Reg.	June 8, 1900	Consol'dCity	125,000 00
1897	Street Lighting	4%	"	Registered.	July 1, 1900	"	3,800 00
1897	Joint Outlet Sewer	4%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1901	"	36,768 64
1890	Police Headquarters	4%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1901	"	5,000 00
1895	New Armory	4½%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1901	"	1,000 00
1896	New City Hall	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Jan. 1, 1901	"	10,000 00
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1901	"	10,000 00
1897	Street Lighting	4%	Jan. & July	Registered.	July 1, 1901	"	3,800 00
1893	Engine House	4½%	"	"	July 24, 1901	"	8,000 00
1890	Police Headquarters	4%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1902	"	5,000 00
1896	New City Hall	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Feb. 1, 1902	"	10,000 00
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1902	"	10,000 00
1897	Street Lighting	4%	Jan. & July	Registered.	July 1, 1902	"	3,800 00
1894	Engine House	4½%	Mch. & Sep.	"	Sept. 10, 1902	"	8,000 00
1896	New City Hall	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Feb. 1, 1903	"	10,000 00
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1903	"	10,000 00
1897	Street Lighting	4%	Jan. & July	Registered.	July 1, 1903	"	3,800 00
1890	Police Department Buildings	4½%	Apr. & Oct.	"	Oct. 1, 1903	"	5,000 00
1896	Fire Department Buildings	4½%	Jan. & July	"	Dec. 28, 1903	"	4,000 00
1896	New City Hall	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Feb. 1, 1904	"	10,000 00
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1904	"	10,000 00
1884	City of Jersey City	6%	Apr. & Oct.	"	Apr. 1, 1904	"	1,000,000 00

EXHIBIT No. 27.—*Bonded Debt (Except Water Account) Continued.*

Issued	LOAN KNOWN AS	Rate of Interest	Interest Payable	C. or Reg.	Year Due.	Issued by	General.	Assessment.
1897	Street Lighting	4%	Jan. & July	C. & Reg.	July 1, 1904	Consol'd City	$3,800 00	
1890	Police Department Buildings	4½%	Apr. & Oct.	Registered.	Oct. 1, 1904	"	5,000 00	
1891	Police Department Buildings	4½%	Jan. & July	"	Jan. 1, 1905	"	5,000 00	
1897	New City Hall	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Feb. 1, 1905	"	10,000 00	
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1905	"	10,000 00	
1875	To Fund Assessment Bonds	7%	June & Dec.	"	June 1, 1905	"		$600,000 00
1897	Street Lighting	4%	Jan. & July	Registered.	July 1, 1905	"	3,800 00	
1891	Police Department Buildings	4½%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1906	"	5,000 00	
1876	To Fund Assessment Bonds	7%	"	C. & Reg.	Jan. 1, 1906	"		300,000 00
1874	Improvement	7%	"	Registered.	Jan. 3, 1906	"	60,000 00	
1897	New City Hall	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Feb. 1, 1906	"	10,000 00	
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	C & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1906	"	10,000 00	
1897	Street Lighting	4%	Jan. & July	Registered.	July 1, 1906	"	3,800 00	
1891	Police Department Buildings	4½%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1907	"	5,100 00	
1897	New City Hall	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Feb. 1, 1907	"	10,000 00	
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1907	"	10,000 00	
1897	Street Lighting	4%	Jan. & July	Registered.	July 1, 1907	"	3,800 00	
1891	New City Hall	5%	Feb. & Aug.	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1908	"	10,000 00	
1892	Police Department Buildings	5%	Jan. & July	Registered.	Jan. 1, 1909	"	20,000 00	
1879	To Fund Floating Debt	6%	Feb. & Aug.	C. & Reg.	Feb. 1, 1909	"	1,353,000 00	
1897	Fire Department Buildings	4%	Jan. & July	Registered.	June 1, 1909	"	12,000 00	
1891	New City Hall	5%	Feb. & Aug.	C. & Reg.	Feb. 10, 1909	"	10,000 00	
1891	New City Hall	5%	"	"	Feb. 10, 1910	"	10,000 00	
1897	Police Department Buildings	4%	Jan. & July	Registered.	Feb. 15, 1910	"	7,500 00	
1880	To Pay Maturing Bonds	6%	June & Dec.	"	June 1, 1910	"	450,000 00	
1891	New City Hall	5%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Feb. 10, 1911	"	10,000 00	
1881	To Pay Difference Between Old and New Assessments	5%	Apr. & Oct.	"	Apr. 1, 1911	"	150,000 00	
1891	New City Hall	5%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Feb. 10, 1912	"	10,000 00	
1894	New City Hall (Gold)	5%	Jan. & July	"	Jan. 1, 1913	"	20,000 00	

1872	City Government	7%	Jan. & July	Registered.	July 1, 1913	Consol'dCity	550,000 00	
1894	New City Hall (Gold)	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1914	"	20,000 00	
1894	New City Hall (Gold)	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1915	"	20,000 00	
1894	New City Hall (Gold)	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1916	"	20,000 00	
1891	Renew Maturing Assessment Bonds	5%	Apr. & Oct.	"	Apr. 1, 1916	"		1,469,000 00
1894	New City Hall (Gold)	5%	Jan. & July	"	Jan. 1, 1917	"	20,000 00	
1894	New City Hall (Gold	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1918	"	20,000 00	
1894	New City Hall (Gold)	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1919	"	20,000 00	
1894	New City Hall (Gold)	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1920	"	20,000 00	
1894	New City Hall (Gold)	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1921	"	20,000 00	
1894	New City Hall (Gold)	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1922	"	20,000 00	
1892	Renew Maturing General Bonds	5%	"	"	Jan. 2, 1922	"	200,000 00	
1892	Renew Maturing Assessment Bonds	5%	"	C. & Reg.	Jan. 2, 1922	"		548,000 00
1894	New City Hall (Gold)	5%	"	"	Jan. 1, 1923	"	350,000 00	
1893	Renew Maturing Assessment Bonds (Gold)	5%	Mch. & Sept.	"	Sept. 1, 1923	"		700,000 00
1894	Renew Maturing Assessment Bonds (Gold)	5%	May & Nov.	"	May 1, 1924	"		600,000 00
1897	Parks (Gold)	4%	"	"	May 1, 1927	"	100,000 00	
1897	Renew Maturing General (Gold)	4%	"	"	May 1, 1927	"	450,000 00	
1897	Schools	4%	Feb. & Aug.	"	Aug. 2, 1927	"	200,000 00	
	Past due, not Presented for Payment	7%				Hudson City	1,750 00	
	Streets and Sewers	7%			June 1, 1894	Consol'dCity		1,000 00
	Funded Debt	7%			May 1, 1897	"	11,500 00	
							$8,573,243 70	$4,218,000 00

*Interest Paid from Sinking Fund—not by General Tax.

EXHIBIT No. 28.

TEMPORARY LOANS, DECEMBER 1, 1897.

4%, Due on Demand, Account Taxes, 1894		$74,000 00
4%, Due on Demand, Account Taxes, 1896		475,000 00
4%, Due on Demand:		
Awards, Opening Monticello Avenue	$21,305 00	
Awards, Opening Jackson Place	2,450 00	
Awards, Opening Mercer Street	15,406 39	
Awards, Mill Creek Sewer	2,433 94	
Damages, Widening West Side Avenue	1,885 16	
Damages, Cator Avenue	400 47	
Damages, Custer Avenue	1,829 94	
Awards, DeKalb Avenue	1,808 74	
Awards, Pearsall Avenue	4,231 10	
Awards, Runyon Avenue	824 50	
		52,575 24
4%, Due on Demand:		
Expenses, South Cove Case	$5,341 72	
Expenses, Laws, 1895	30,000 00	
Interest, Six Year Improvement Certificates	19,696 39	
City Hall (Anticipation of the Sale of Old Buildings)	38,548 40	
		93,586 51
4%, Due December 1, 1897:		
Repairs to School Buildings	$26,489 65	
Repairs, Sewers, &c	4,000 00	
Cleaning Streets	5,000 00	
Expenses, Railroad Case	15,227 49	
		50,717 14
4%, Due December 10, 1897:		
Counsel, Street Lighting	$563 08	
Sewer, School No. 23	415 00	
Judgments	517 44	
Cleaning Streets	1,500 00	
Judgment	1,121 21	
Street Lighting	7,500 00	
Repairs to Old City Hall for School	3,500 00	
Judgment	244 60	
		15,361 33

4%, Due December 1, 1898:			
Cleaning Sewers....	$5,000 00		
Repairs to Unpaved Streets.....	1,000 00		
Repairs to Office Overseer of Poor	787 50		
Expenses City Hall Commission.	8,420 00		
Judgments.....	4,225 98		
Claims—Board of Finance.....	7,000 00		
Repairs to School Buildings.....	31,229 90		
		$57,663 38	
4%, Due December 10, 1898:			
Repairs to School No. 1, &c.....	$4,611 60		
Assessment—Crescent Avenue..	252 09		
Salary—Irwin.....	1,122 23		
Expenses Special Elections.....	4,500 00		
		10,485 92	
			$829,389 52

EXHIBIT No. 29.

AMOUNT OF TAXES DUE AND UNPAID, DECEMBER 1, 1897.

Taxes, 1873		$29,290 57	
Taxes, 1880	$48,205 49		
Taxes, 1881	41,645 19		
Taxes, 1882	25,414 19		
Taxes, 1883	76,320 86		
Taxes, 1884	18,175 11		
Taxes, 1885	82,747 68		
Taxes, 1886	142,048 40		
Taxes, 1887	86,562 19		
		521,119 11	
Taxes 1888		129,360 62	
Taxes, 1889		31,570 53	
Taxes, 1890		109,199 08	
Taxes, 1891		144,434 85	
Taxes, 1892		214,286 53	
Taxes, 1893		235,425 12	
Taxes, 1894		304,124 17	
Taxes, 1895		470,956 64	
Taxes, 1896		587,697 16	
Adjusted Taxes, 1872 and Previous Years	$16,076 90		
Adjusted Taxes, 1873 and 1874	14,125 92		
Adjusted Taxes, 1875 to 1887	416,512 31		
Adjusted Taxes, 1888	68,400 85		
Adjusted Taxes, 1889	51,182 00		
Adjusted Taxes, 1890	42,840 60		
Adjusted Taxes, 1891	50,807 94		
Adjusted Taxes, 1892	50,590 80		
Adjusted Taxes, 1893	25,671 48		
Adjusted Taxes, 1894	17,381 16		
Adjusted Taxes, 1895	377 91		
		753,967 87	
			$3,531,432 25

EXHIBIT No. 30.

AMOUNT OF ASSESSMENTS DUE AND UNPAID DECEMBER 1, 1897.

Assessments, Old Account.....		$1,447,678 39
Assessment Account, Laws 1894-1895:		
Improvement Randolph Avenue.	$1,276 48	
Improvement Gifford Place.....	698 24	
Improvement Crescent Avenue..	2,810 55	
Improvement 14th Street.....	3,382 21	
Improvement Oak Street.....	8,726 31	
Improvement St. Paul's Avenue.	9,937 37	
Improvement Pamrapo Avenue..	4,249 04	
Improvement Brown Place.....	468 60	
Sewer Larch Avenue.....	314 34	
Sewer Summit Avenue.....	890 40	
Sewer Ocean Avenue.....	1,592 66	
Improvement Clerk Street.....	1,569 55	
Improvement Sherman Avenue..	2,170 61	
Improvement Atlantic Street ...	6,870 39	
Improvement Claremont Avenue.	3,995 03	
Improvement Carteret Avenue..	1,743 48	
Improvement Sea View Avenue.	298 19	
Improvement Bostwick Place...	1,004 60	
Improvement Thorne Street.....	1,528 11	
Improvement Ogden Avenue....	1,604 45	
Improvement Arlington Avenue.	20,475 15	
Improvement Fairmount Avenue	2,779 40	
Improvement Jersey Avenue....	3,384 91	
Sewer St. Paul's Avenue.....	421 87	
Improvement Montgomery Street	1,415 99	
Sewer Garrison Avenue.....	202 94	
Sewer Nelson Avenue.....	9,033 34	
Improvement Lincoln Street.....	3,423 47	
Improvement Wilkes Street.....	434 60	
Sewer Marion Place.....	381 57	
Improvement Ege Avenue.....	680 40	
Sewer Cambridge Avenue.....	1,737 42	
Sewer Boyd Avenue.....	677 75	
Improvement Van Winkle Street	2,399 50	
Improvement Union Street.....	8,429 61	
Improvement Orchard Street....	2,787 66	
Sewer Columbia Avenue.....	824 36	
Sewer Kearney Avenue.....	658 90	
Sewer Harmon Street.....	622 10	
Sewer Henderson Street.....	1,460 80	
Improvement Hancock Avenue..	2,533 96	

Improvement Lake Street.....	$1, 391 50
Improvement Oakland Avenue..	6,637 38
Sewer Van Wagenen Avenue....	837 18
Improvement Virginia Avenue..	2,539 40
Sewer Van Winkle Street.....	1,766 00
Sewer Duncan Avenue.....	984 00
Sewer Ogden Avenue.....	2,059 66
Sewer Randolph Avenue.....	334 60
Sewer Thorne Street	1,047 38
Improvement Lake Street.....	1,447 50
Sewer Central Avenue.....	212 00
Sewer Ege Avenue.....	671 50
Improvement Congress Street...	1,428 88
Sewer Pavonia Avenue.....	2,895 00
Sewer South Street.....	332 00
Sewer Irving Street.....	1,001 92
Improvement Pavonia Avenue..	3,544 39
Improvement Cottage Street....	2,347 84
Improvement Fairview Avenue..	1,216 11
Improvement Zabriskie Street...	5,815 86
Sewer Cambridge Avenue	196 08
Sewer Sherman Place.....	617 30
Sewer Tonnele Avenue	647 40
Sewer Leonard Street.....	1,701 00
Sewer Bayview Avenue.....	1,124 07
Improvement Cambridge Avenue	1,003 00
Sewer Myrtle Avenue	1,125 00
Improvement Van Winkle Street.	1,968 50
Improvement Claremont Avenue	3,910 20
Improvement Neptune Avenue..	5,337 09
Sewer Walker Avenue.....	1,689 51
Improvement Winfield Avenue..	2,165 30
Improvement North Street.....	798 12
Improvement Old Bergen Road .	2,049 00
Sewer Tonnele Avenue.....	2,555 79
Improvement Prescott Place....	2,040 81
Improvement Cator Avenue	2,188 57
Sewer West Side Avenue.....	4,901 85
Improvement Garrison Avenue..	4,335 00
Improvement Grace Street.....	1,483 00
Improvement Hague Street.....	4,041 43
Improvement Linden Avenue....	3,041 69
Sewer Waverly Street.....	355 20
Sewer Clark Avenue	2,005 91
Sewer Broadway.....	830 00
Sewer Graham Street	326 39
Improvement Jones Street.....	1,557 69
Sewer Virginia Avenue.....	3,411 52

Improvement Clinton Avenue...	$4,433 59		
Sewer Hoadley Avenue.....	3,086 28		
Sewer Harrison Avenue	1,745 41		
Improvement Glenwood Avenue.	12,086 44		
Improvement 13th Street.....	2,777 84		
Improvement Reservoir Avenue.	3,378 06		
Improvement Arlington Avenue.	693 88		
			$244,014 33
Assessments, Old :			
Sewer West Side Avenue.....		$7 00	
Improvement Old Bergen Road..		8,257 83	
Improvement Sip Avenue		2,722 48	
Opening Cator Avenue		42 50	
Improvement Sip Avenue.....		58 50	
Sewer Parallel Morris Canal.....		17,500 00	
Sewer Hatch Avenue.....		14,964 70	
Sewer Park Street.....		6,128 06	
Changing Grade West Side Avenue.....		7,602 55	
Changing Grade Columbia Ave..		274 90	
Improvement Old Bergen Road..		4,114 54	
Opening Neptune Avenue.....		551 35	
Improvement Bowers Street.....		8,300 92	
Improvement Ogden Avenue....		13,772 75	
Sewer Girard Avenue.....		1,663 25	
Improvement West Side Avenue		11,880 32	
Opening Prior Street.....		2,930 40	
Sewer Summit Avenue.....		994 55	
Sewer Dwight Street.....		65,581 23	
Improvement 16th Street.....		199 00	
Sewer Mill Creek.....		52,335 33	
Improvement Sip Avenue.....		1,817 59	
Sewer Waverly Street.....		1,706 78	
Improvement Custer Avenue....		309 75	
Sewer Leonard Street.....		55 00	
Sewer Pine Street.....		80 43	
Sewer Prospect Street.....		66 10	
Sewer Woodlawn Avenue.....		138 25	
Improvement Danforth Avenue..		8,695 20	
Sewer Under Sidewalk.....		128 15	
Sewer Montrose Avenue.....		292 40	
Sewer Prior Street.....		87 10	
Sewer Duncan Avenue.....		451 95	
Opening Fremont Street.....		266 80	
Opening 17th Street.....		380 10	
Opening Lienau Place.....		2,133 40	
Opening Nesbitt Place.....		2,222 05	
Opening Pavonia Avenue		1,632 90	

Opening 17th Street	$133 55	
Opening Baldwin Avenue	393 50	
Opening Avenue E	216 00	
Sewer Ocean Avenue	380 56	
Sewer Grace Street	30 00	
		$241,499 72
Adjusted Assessments		183,172 09
Improvements, Course of Construction:		
Improvement Magnolia Avenue.	$8,971 02	
Opening and Extension Mercer Street	93,378 67	
Improvement Thirteenth Street	84,092 53	
Opening Jackson Place	1,983 60	
Improvement West Side Avenue.	13,606 15	
Sewer Magnolia Avenue	949 30	
Sewer Old Bergen Road	12,696 01	
Sewer Third Street	6,814 62	
Sewer Clendenny Avenue	58,000 00	
Improvement Harmon Street	3,782 81	
Improvement Central Avenue	7,073 16	
Sewer First Street	1,000 00	
Sewer Bright Street	2,113 06	
Sewer Harmon Street	626 77	
Sewer Logan Street	400 00	
Improvement Stuyvesant Avenue	7,830 67	
Improvement Pavonia Avenue	10,063 50	
Opening and Extension Mercer Street	2,473 23	
Improvement Tuers Avenue	2,847 55	
Sewer West Side Avenue	8,483 55	
Sewer James Street	780 00	
Improvement St. Paul's Avenue.	4,693 72	
Sewer Rose Avenue	1,498 08	
Sewer Central Avenue	1,720 50	
Improvement Highland Avenue.	3,129 26	
Improvement Manning Avenue	3,112 70	
Improvement Newkirk Street	7,138 71	
Improvement DeKalb Avenue	2,500 00	
Improvement Leonard Street	4,317 50	
Improvement Columbia Avenue.	4,306 60	
Sewer Brunswick Street	792 91	
Sewer Sherman Place	1,446 85	
Improvement Boyd Avenue	4,275 18	
Improvement Oxford Avenue	2,822 86	
Improvement Jewett Avenue	2,472 21	
Sewer Palisade Avenue	1,500 00	
Sewer Canal Street	4,191 84	
Improvement Boyd Avenue	3,738 37	

Improvement Leonard Street.....	$2,500 00	
Sewer Germania Avenue.....	672 27	
Sewer Fifth Street.....	1,000 00	
Sewer Morton Place.....	5,000 00	
Sewer Runyon Avenue.....	2,000 00	
Sewer Avenue E.....	6,500 00	
Sewer Hancock Avenue.....	2,859 21	
Sewer Germania Avenue.....	690 32	
Sewer Summit Avenue.....	5,500 00	
Sewer Monticello Avenue.....	321 39	
		$398,666 68
		$2,515,031 21
Less Deposits for Street Improvements and Sewers:		
Improvement Custer Avenue....	$134 50	
Vacation Wiley Street.....	12 35	
Vacation Washington Street....	58 15	
Improvement Baldwin Avenue..	150 00	
Vacation Pearl Street.....	9 20	
Vacation Canal Street.....	3 25	
Vacation Van Horne Street.....	3 25	
Vacation Washington Street.....	112 00	
Vacation Gardner Lane.....	40 75	
Vacation Bramhall Avenue.....	38 00	
Changing Grade Sea View Avenue	19 10	
Vacation Bogert Avenue.....	18 00	
Vacation Hillside Road.....	72 85	
Improvement Avenue E.....	125 00	
Vacation Howell Street.....	17 25	
		813 65
		$2,514,217 56

EXHIBIT NO. 31.

UNEXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS, DECEMBER 1, 1897.

BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, 1891-1892:			
Grass Plots, Hamilton Park.....	$500 00		
Grass Plots, Van Vorst Park....	500 00		
		$1,000 00	
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, 1891–1892:			
Repairing Engines, Nos. 8, 9 & 4		143 56	
BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1891–1892:			
Teachers' Salaries.....	$4 50		
Superintendent and Clerk.....	500 00		
Janitors' Salaries.....	548 11		
Janitors' Supplies.....	25 00		
Books and Stationery.....	1,139 08		
Census.....	4 45		
Rentals.....	466 66		
Report.....	163 00		
Repairs, Gas, &c.	1,471 13		
Text Books.....	9 23		
		4,331 16	
BOARD OF FINANCE, 1891–1892:			
Revising Charter.....		1,600 00	
			$7,074 72
BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, 1892–1893:			
Cleaning Sewers.....	$202 00		
Printing and Stationery.....	41 03		
Repairs to Unpaved Streets.....	4 41		
Reconstruction of Sewers.....	70 04		
Lamps and Lights.....	207 92		
Insurance.....	51 99		
Removal of Buildings (Newark Avenue Bell Tower).....	1,000 00		
		$1,577 39	
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, 1892–1893:			
Salaries.....	$1,637 46		
Claims.....	35 63		
New Hose.....	1 42		
New Hose Wagons.....	200 00		
Repairs on Trucks, Nos. 2, 3 & 5	90 95		
		1,965 46	
BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1892–1893:			
Teachers' Salaries.....	$5,382 43		
Janitors' Salaries.....	263 17		
Janitors' Supplies.....	72 00		
Books and Stationery.....	217 16		
		5,934 76	
			9,477 61

BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, 1893-1894:			
Cleaning Streets	$ 12		
Cleaning Sewers	120 30		
Public Grounds and Buildings	207 35		
Printing and Stationery	50 42		
Reconstruction of Sewers	35 02		
Street Lighting	1,153 17		
Engineering Bureau	140 65		
Insurance	33 72		
Salaries	161 50		
Salary of Lamp Inspector	01		
		$1,902 33	
BOARD OF ALDERMEN, 1893-1894:			
Gas and Supplies for Armories	$420 17		
District Court Salaries	32 20		
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	19 89		
		472 26	
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS, 1893-1894:			
General Claims		122 49	
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, 1893-1894:			
Salaries	$409 62		
New Hose	17 05		
Pensions	203 69		
Two Trucks	250 00		
Repairs to Apparatus	89 23		
Unpaid Bills, December 1, 1892	14 43		
Repairs to Telegraph	4 43		
		988 45	
BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1893-1894:			
Books, Stationery and Supplies		11 74	
BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS, 1893-1894:			
Field and Assessment Books	$29 87		
Salaries of Extra Clerks	8 34		
		38 21	
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF APPEALS, 1893-1894:			
Salaries	$ 12		
Stationery and Supplies	32 75		
		32 87	
BOARD OF SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS, 1893-1894:			
Incidentals		163 50	
COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENT, 1893-1894:			
Stationery	$75 00		
Printing	43 75		
		118 75	
BOARD OF FINANCE, 1893-1894.			
Salaries	$3,334 84		
Printing Minutes	32		
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	102 21		
		3,437 37	
			$7,287 97

BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, 1894-1895:		
Cleaning Streets	$2,451 65	
Cleaning Sewers	22 45	
Public Grounds and Buildings	289 92	
Repairs to Unpaved Streets	7 76	
Reconstruction of Sewers	60 80	
Lighting	5,437 21	
Rent of Armories	1,925 06	
Engineering Bureau	7 57	
Insurance	1 00	
Salaries	40	
		$10,203 82
BOARD OF ALDERMEN, 1894-1895:		
Relief of Out Door Poor	$729 07	
Gas and Supplies for Armories	266 60	
General Claims	2,765 41	
		3,761 08
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS, 1894-1895:		
Supplies, Station Houses	$1 00	
Hospitals and Dispensaries	10	
Pensions	420 48	
Matron	100 00	
		521 58
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, 1894-1895:		
Salaries,	$264 13	
Claims	56 13	
Hose	10 90	
Pensions	16	
Repairs to Department Buildings	7 01	
		338 33
BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1894-1895:		
Fuel	$2,346 41	
Repairs to School Buildings	8 86	
General Claims	61 41	
		2,416 68
BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS, 1894-1895:		
Salaries	$ 12	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	19 40	
Salaries of Extra Clerks	41 91	
Incidentals	5 25	
		66 68
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF APPEALS, 1894-1895:		
Salaries	$158 72	
Stationery and Incidentals	89 65	
		248 37
BOARD OF SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS, 1894-1895:		
Incidentals		85 30
COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENT, 1894-1895:		
Printing and Stationery	$87 75	
Printing Postal Cards	38 40	
		126 15

BOARD OF FINANCE, 1894–1895:			
Salaries	$16 99		
Printing Minutes	24		
Printing, Stationary & Supplies..	687 68		
		$704 91	
			$18,472 90
BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, 1895–1896:			
Cleaning Streets	$200 00		
Cleaning Sewers and Receiving Basins, &c	303 35		
Public Grounds and Buildings...	18		
Printing and Stationery	8 00		
Repairs to Unpaved Streets (including Macadam & Salaries)	2 00		
Street Lighting	37 56		
Salaries	3 47		
Street Signs on Corners	1,423 04		
Claims	36 58		
		$2,014 18	
BOARD OF ALDERMEN, 1895–1896:			
General Claims	$3,895 27		
Gas Engine for Fourth Regiment Armory	2 00		
		3,897 27	
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS, 1895–1896:			
Salaries	$29 49		
Lighting Station Houses	2 70		
Police Justices and Clerks	08		
Pensions	1,344 67		
		1,376 94	
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, 1895–1896:			
Salaries	$171 32		
Claims	23 92		
New Fire Hose	7 65		
Pensions	23 53		
Repairs to Department Buildings	3 89		
Repairs to Apparatus	13 58		
Rebuilding Fire Headquarters...	10 00		
		253 89	
BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1895–1893:			
Teachers' Salaries	$ 42		
Printing and Blanks (including Annual Report)	39 50		
Fuel	826 22		
Repairs to School Buildings (including Salary of Carpenter)	49 36		
		915 50	

BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS, 1895–1896:			
Salaries of extra clerks to assist City Collector in making out Tax Bills	$ 36		
Printing and Stationery, and Field, Assessment and Record Books	288 11		
Incidentals	196 80		
Preparing Record Books	750 00		
		$1,235 27	
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF APPEALS, 1895–1896:			
Salaries	$ 12		
Stationery and Incidentals	60 25		
		60 37	
BOARD OF SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS, 1895–1896:			
Incidentals		70 00	
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENT, 1895–1896:			
Printing and Stationery		64 42	
BOARD OF FINANCE, 1895–1896:			
Printing and Stationery	$322 11		
Special Claims (Special)	85 74		
Police Court Fines (First Criminal)	55 00		
Police Court Fines (Second Criminal)	204 00		
		666 85	
BOARD OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, 1895–1896:			
Maintenance, New City Hall		739 32	
			$11,294 01
BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, (Special):			
Reconstruction of Railroad Avenue Sewer	$816 45		
Reconstruction of Sewers ($12,000)	20 09		
Repairs to School Buildings	4 71		
Building Engine House No. 3	324 16		
Land for School House No. 8	1,554 25		
Advertising Ordinances	405 75		
Morgan Street Dock	5,352 13		
Ravine Road Sewer	5,000 00		
South Cove Grant	80 50		
New Parks	22,807 24		
Repaving over Street Openings	103 72		
Expenses Improvements, Laws 1895	7,867 62		
Awards for Damages, Extension of Church Street	149 10		
		$44,485 72	

BOARD OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS (Special):			
Heating New City Hall.....		$25 00	
BOARD OF ALDERMEN (Special):			
Lighting Old City Hall.....		241 81	
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS (Special):			
Building Stable.....		239 06	
BOARD OF EDUCATION (Special):			
Repairs to School Buildings.....	$167 66		
Repairs to School Buildings.....	1,314 37		
School Sites.....	53,127 01		
School Alterations, &c., Greene and Grand Streets.....	3,100 00		
Two New Class Rooms, School No. 24.....	711 60		
		58,420 64	
BOARD OF FINANCE (Special):			
Joint Outlet Sewer.....	$371 07		
Advertising Adjusted Tax Sales, 1888.....	8 75		
Advertising Adjusted Tax Sales, 1889.....	19 25		
Commissioners to divide Jersey City into Wards.....	182 50		
Special Claims.....	85 74		
Judgments.....	515 07		
Advertising Adjusted Tax Sales.	5,289 23		
Judgment.....	2,500 00		
District Court Fees	9,215 24		
		18,186 85	
			$121,599 08
BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS, 1896-1897:			
Cleaning Street and Removing Garbage, and Cleaning Asphalt Streets.....	$799 00		
Cleaning Sewers and Receiving Basins, including Salary Inspector of Sewers	1,742 83		
Public Grounds and Buildings, including salaries	393 40		
Salaries.....	1,695 72		
Printing and Stationery.....	377 10		
Repairs to Unpaved Streets, ining maintenance of Macadam Pavement and Salaries.....	146 37		
Reconstruction of Sewers.....	215 29		
For Gas and Oil Lighting, Advertising and Printing, General Fund.....	9,295 21		

Electric Arc Lighting	$7,256 68	
Salary of Lamp Inspector	700 00	
District Court Rentals	125 00	
Armory, Salaries, including the payment of additional help	125 00	
Engineering Bureau, including Salaries and Supplies	1,850 16	
Insurance	187 54	
		$24,909 30
BOARD OF ALDERMEN, 1896-1897:		
Relief of Out-Door Poor	$340 33	
Gas & Fuel for Fourth Regiment	579 06	
Salaries	809 56	
District Court Salaries, including Supplies	1,078 94	
Care of Horse of Building Inspector, including repairs to Wagon and Harness	97 75	
Printing, Stationery and Supplies	87 30	
Elections	8,536 53	
		11,529 47
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS, 1896-1897:		
Salaries	$29,319 99	
Claims	4,848 03	
Pensions	2,499 39	
		36,667 41
BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS, 1896-1897:		
Salaries	$15,771 99	
Claims	4,421 10	
Pensions	176 15	
New Fire Engine (for Marion District)	25 00	
Repairs to Apparatus	225 04	
		20,619 28
BOARD OF EDUCATION, 1896-1897:		
Teachers' Salaries	$29,975 72	
Superintendent and Clerk	416 70	
Janitors' Salaries	1,872 07	
Printing and Blanks, including Annual Report	70 38	
Janitors' Supplies	1,007 12	
Books, Stationery and Supplies	3,896 95	
Fuel	6,335 88	
Census	818 85	
Night Schools and Books and Stationery for same	1,638 60	
Gas and Electric Power	244 30	

Repairing School Buildings and Furniture, including Salary of Carpenter	$692 04		
Special Appropriation to pay Teachers and Janitors in Night Schools, balance due November, 1895	457 17		
		$47,425 78	
BOARD OF CITY HALL COMMISSIONERS, 1896-1897:			
Expenses of Commission		2,929 79	
BOARD OF TAX COMMISSIONERS, 1896-1897:			
Salaries, the extra Clerks to assist the City Collector in making out Tax Bills	$1,255 71		
Printing, Stationery and Supplies, and Field and Assessment and Record Books	518 80		
Preparing Record Books	500 00		
Incidentals	5 00		
		2,279 51	
COMMISSIONERS OF APPEALS, 1896-1897:			
Salaries	$300 14		
Stationery and Incidentals	2 05		
		302 19	
SINKING FUND COMMISSION, 1896-1897:			
Salaries	$400 00		
Incidentals	21 55		
		421 55	
COMMISSIONERS OF ASSESSMENT, 1896-1897:			
Printing and Stationery		167 75	
BOARD OF FINANCE, 1896-1897:			
Salaries	$5,042 17		
For Publishing Minutes in Official Papers	458 48		
Claims	877 25		
To Pay Claims & Contingencies	378 11		
Advertising Personal Taxes, 1895, (Special)	87 80		
		6,843 81	
			$154,095 84
BOARD OF STREET AND WATER COMMISSIONERS (Special):			
Land and Building Fire Department (Marion Section)			12,000 00
BOARD OF POLICE (Special):			
City Board of Health			3,213 38
Grand Total			$344,515 51

EXHIBIT No. 32.

UNAPPROPRIATED SPECIAL RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1897.

Amount received from Sewer Permits..	$11,684 00	
Amount received from Fines (S.P.C.A.).	10 00	
Amount received from sale of old buildings (Opening Jackson Place)....	61 00	
Amount received from sale of old buildings (Opening Monticello Avenue)	1,520 50	
Amount received from North Hudson County Railroad Company.....	85 30	
Amount received from Consolidated Traction Company.....	1,061 83	
Amount received from sale of old buildings (Pearsall Avenue).....	90 00	
Amount received from sale of furniture, Old City Hall.....	305 80	
Amount received from Interest on Bank Balances...	2,702 98	
		$17,521 41

EXHIBIT No. 33.

SURPLUS MONEYS.

UNCLAIMED, DECEMBER 1, 1897.

Sale of October 9, 1889:	
Sale No. 22, Block 1269, Lots 89 to 97, Alt; 98 to 104 Danforth Avenue	$8 00
Sale No. 27, Block 869, Lot 126, Charles Street	107 84
Sale of March 26, 1890:	
Sale No 364, Block 1371; Lots 27 and 29, Greenville Avenue	16 57
Sale No. 311, Block 604, Lots 61 to 75, Alt; Oak Street	25 46
Sale of April 2, 1890:	
Sale No. 458, Block 235, Lot 01, Bright Street	35 99
Sale No. 523, Block 617, Lots 18 and 19, Skillman Avenue	19 39
Sale No. 733, Block 259, Lots 21 to 24, Erie Street	1 63
Sale No. 696, Block 225, Lots 13 to 16, 17th Street	21 97
Sale of October 9, 1890:	
Sale No 946, Block 823, Lots 42 to 47, Thorne Street	55 15
Sale of October 10, 1890:	
Sale No. 1032, Block 909, Lot 15, Terrace Avenue	14 00
Sale No. 1010, Block 916, Lot 44, Germania Avenue	52 44
Sale No. 1205, Block 807, Lot 26, Summit Avenue	21 05
Sale No. 1000, Block 917, Lot 65, Germania Avenue	17 74
Sale No. 1048, Block 907, Lots 15 and 26, Nelson Avenue	32 53
Sale No. 1039, Block 908, Lots 25 and 26, Columbia Avenue	26 33
Sale No. 1044, Block 908, Lots 13 and 14, Germania Avenue	30 79

Sale No. 1051, Block 907, Lots 1 and 26 Columbia Avenue....	$9 93	
Sale No. 1203, Block 807, Lot 11, F. H., Hague Street.....	13 66	
Sale of October 22, 1890:		
Sale No. 1130, Block 887, Lot 26, Irving Street.....	41 78	
Sale No. 1189, Block 809, Lot 17, Poplar Street.....	50 33	
Sale of April 21, 1891:		
Part of Sale, No. 1290, Block 409, Lot 15, Brunswick Street....	163 58	
Sale No. 1711, Block 548, Lot 20, Union Street.....	37 44	
Sale No. 1712, Block 548, Lot 21, Union Street.....	16 86	
Sale of October 25, 1894:		
Sale No. 4770, Block 823, Lot 69, Charles Street	36 56	
Sale No. 5050, Block 951, Lot 34, Stagg Street.....	2 27	
Sale No. 4704, Block 523, Lot 20A, Willow Court.....	764 91	
Sale No. 4671, Block 509, Lots 9 and 10, Third Street.....	1 00	
Sale No. 4896, Block 923, Lot 5, Tonnele Avenue.....	9 90	
Sale of April 16, 1895:		
Sale No. 5347, Block 1255, Lot F, Newark Bay.....	6 14	
Sale No. 5394, Block 1276, Lot 46, McAdoo Avenue.....	11 21	
Sale No. 5400, Block 1276, Lot 63, McAdoo Avenue.....	19 05	
		$1,671 50

EXHIBIT No. 34.

REDEMPTION OF PROPERTY SOLD FOR UNPAID ADJUSTED TAXES, &c.

UNCLAIMED, DECEMBER 1, 1897.

DATE REDEEMED.	SALE NUMBER.	BLOCK.	LOTS.	AMOUNT.
April 26, 1895	17	745	371	$601 59
Aug. 6, 1895	4497	584	Part 21	296 19
April 23, 1896	4857	847	25, 26	307 03
April 28, 1896	5518	1331, 1332	18, 19	195 00
Oct. 7, 1896	4652	127	Part 14	20 00
Total				$1,419 81

EXHIBIT No. 35.

ONE YEAR IMPROVEMENT CERTIFICATES,

DECEMBER 1, 1897.

Amount 4½% Imp. Cert. due	December	2, 1897.	$1,500 00	
" "	December	31, 1897.	3,000 00	
				$4,500 00
" "	February	3, 1898.	$2,500 00	
" "	February	9, 1898.	3,000 00	
" "	February	25, 1898.	4,000 00	
				9,500 00
" "	March	3, 1898.	$2,500 00	
" "	March	19, 1898.	2,500 00	
" "	March	25, 1898.	4,000 00	
				9,000 00
" "	April	7, 1898.		2,000 00
" "	May	12, 1898.		500 00
" "	August	25, 1898		3,000 00
" "	September	23, 1898.		1,500 00
Total issued.....				$30,000 00
Not presented for Payment due June 30, 1897.			$500 00	
Not presented for Payment due October 8, 1897.....			2,500 00	
Not presented for Payment due November 12, 1897..			1,000 00	
				4,000 00
				$34,000 00

EXHIBIT No. 36.

SIX YEAR 4½% IMPROVEMENT CERTIFICATES.

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Assessment No. 2. Contract No. 783. Improvement Oak Street, Ocean Avenue to Bergen Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
11	August 9, 1895.....	$500 00	$500 00		
12	"	500 00	500 00		
13	"	500 00	500 00		
14	"	500 00	500 00		
15	"	500 00	500 00		
16	"	500 00	500 00		
17	"	500 00	500 00		
18	"	500 00	500 00		
19	"	500 00	500 00		
20	"	500 00	500 00		
21	"	500 00	500 00		
22	"	500 00	500 00		
23	"	500 00	500 00		
24	"	500 00	500 00		
25	"	500 00	500 00		
26	"	500 00	500 00		
27	"	500 00	500 00		
28	"	500 00	500 00		
29	"	500 00		$500 00	
30	"	500 00		500 00	
31	"	500 00		500 00	
32	"	500 00		500 00	
33	"	500 00		500 00	
34	"	500 00		500 00	
35	"	500 00		500 00	
36	"	500 00		500 00	
37	"	500 00		500 00	
38	"	500 00		500 00	
39	"	500 00		500 00	
40	"	500 00		500 00	
41	"	500 00		500 00	
58	"	500 00		500 00	
59	"	500 00		500 00	
60	"	500 00		500 00	
61	"	500 00		500 00	
62	"	500 00		500 00	
63	"	457 89		457 89	
		$18,457 89	$9,000 00		$9,457 89

Assessment No. 79. Contract No. 784. Improvement Arlington Avenue, Bayview and Garfield Avenues.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
194	October 31, 1895....	$500 00	$500 00	
195	"	500 00	500 00	
196	"	500 00	500 00	
197	"	500 00	500 00	
198	"	500 00	500 00	
199	"	500 00	500 00	
200	"	500 00	500 00	
201	"	500 00	500 00	
202	"	500 00	500 00	
203	"	500 00	500 00	
204	"	500 00	500 00	
205	"	500 00	500 00	
206	"	500 00	500 00	
207	"	500 00	500 00	
208	"	500 00	500 00	
209	"	500 00	500 00	
210	"	500 00	500 00	
211	"	500 00	500 00	
212	"	500 00	500 00	
213	"	500 00	500 00	
214	"	500 00	500 00	
215	"	500 00	500 00	
216	"	500 00	500 00	
220	November 13, 1895..	500 00	500 00	
221	" ..	500 00		$500 00
222	" ..	500 00		500 00
223	" ..	500 00		500 00
224	" ..	500 00		500 00
225	" ..	500 00		500 00
226	" ..	500 00		500 00
227	" ..	500 00		500 00
228	" ..	500 00		500 00
229	" ..	500 00		500 00
230	" ..	500 00		500 00
231	" ..	500 00		500 00
255	December 3, 1895,...	500 00		500 00
256	" ...	500 00		500 00
257	" ...	500 00		500 00
258	" ...	500 00		500 00
259	" ...	500 00		500 00
260	" ...	500 00		500 00
261	" ...	500 00		500 00
262	" ...	500 00		500 00
263	" ...	500 00		500 00

280	December 18, 1895...	$500 00		$500 00	
281	" . .	500 00		500 00	
282	" ...	500 00		500 00	
283	" ...	500 00		500 00	
284	" ...	400 00		400 00	
327	December 31, 1895...	500 00		500 00	
328	" ...	500 00		500 00	
353	February 19, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
354	" ...	500 00		500 00	
355	" ...	500 00		500 00	
448	May 13, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
449	"	500 00		500 00	
450	"	500 00		500 00	
451	"	500 00		500 00	
452	"	500 00		500 00	
453	"	500 00		500 00	
454	"	500 00		500 00	
538	June 16, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
539	"	500 00		500 00	
540	"	500 00		500 00	
541	"	500 00		500 00	
542	"	500 00		500 00	
543	"	500 00		500 00	
622	June 30, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
623	"	500 00		500 00	
624	"	500 00		500 00	
625	"	500 00		500 00	
682	August 20, 1896. ...	500 00		500 00	
683	"	500 00		500 00	
684	"	500 00		500 00	
685	"	500 00		500 00	
686	"	388 96		388 96	
1290	February 25, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1291	March 3, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1292	"	500 00		500 00	
1293	"	500 00		500 00	
1294	"	93 89		93 89	
		$39,882 85	$12,000 00		$27,882 85

Assessment No. 14. Contract No. 787. Improvement 14th Street, Henderson Street to Jersey Avenue.:

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
1	August 16, 1895	$500 00	$500 00	
2	"	500 00	500 00	
3	"	500 00	500 00	

4	August 16, 1895.....	$500 00	$500 00		
5	"	500 00	500 00		
6	"	500 00	500 00		
7	"	500 00		$500 00	
8	"	500 00		500 00	
9	"	500 00		500 00	
10	"	500 00		500 00	
43	August 23, 1895	500 00		500 00	
44	"	500 00		500 00	
45	"	207 61		207 61	
356	March 6, 1896.....	326 72		326 72	
		$6,534 33	$3,000 00		$3,534 33

Assessment. No. 6. Contract No. 788, Improvement Clerk Street from Bramhall Avenue to R. R.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued,	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
116	October 23, 1895 ...	$500 00	$500 00		
117	"	500 00	500 00		
118	"	500 00	500 00		
119	"	500 00	500 00		
120	" ...	500 00	500 00		
121	"	500 00	500 00		
122	"	500 00		$500 00	
264	December 3, 1895...	500 00		500 00	
265	" ...	500 00		500 00	
266	" ...	167 01		167 01	
626	June 30, 1896	245 63		245 63	
		$4,912 64	$3,000 00		$1,912 64

Assessment No. 32. Contract No. 789. Improvement Pamrapo Avenue, Old Bergen Road to Hudson County Public Road.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
64	September 18, 1895..	$500 00	$500 00	
65	" ..	500 00	500 00	
66	" ..	500 00	500 00	
67	" ..	500 00	500 00	
68	" ..	500 00		$500 00
94	October 2, 1895.....	500 00		500 00
95	"	500 00		500 00
96	"	500 00		500 00
232	November 13, 1895..	500 00		500 00
285	December 18, 1895..	500 00		500 00

286	December 18, 1895..	$500 00		$500 00	
287	" ..	500 00		500 00	
288	" ..	300 00		300 00	
406	April 9, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
407	"	500 00		500 00	
408	"	500 00		500 00	
568	June 18, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
572	"	500 00		500 00	
573	"	500 00		500 00	
574	"	500 00		500 00	
627	June 30, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
701	August 20, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
702	"	500 00		500 00	
703	"	500 00		500 00	
704	"	500 00		500 00	
705	"	393 80		393 80	
1277	February 25, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1278	" ...	168 10		168 10	
		$13,361 90	$2,000 00		$11,361 90

Assessment No. 1. Contract No. 795. Improvement Bostwick Place.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
97	October 31, 1895....	$500 00	$500 00		
218	"	500 00		$500 00	
219	"	191 93		191 93	
469	May 31, 1896.....	62 73		62 73	
		$1,254 66	$500 00		$754 66

Assessment No. 28. Contract No. 796. Improvement St. Paul's Avenue Palisade Avenue to Summit Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
47	September 13, 1895..	$500 00	$500 00	
48	"	500 00	500 00	
49	"	500 00	500 00	
50	"	500 00	500 00	
51	"	500 00	500 00	
52	"	500 00	500 00	
53	"	500 00	500 00	
54	"	500 00	500 00	
55	"	500 00	500 00	
56	"	500 00	500 00	
57	"	500 00		$500 00

69	September 26, 1895..	$500 00		$500 00	
70	"	500 00		500 00	
71	"	500 00		500 00	
72	"	500 00		500 00	
105	October 10, 1895.....	500 00	$500 00		
106	"	500 00	500 00		
107	"	500 00	500 00		
108	"	500 00		500 00	
109	"	500 00		500 00	
110	"	500 00		500 00	
111	"	500 00		500 00	
125	October 23, 1895....	500 00		500 00	
233	November 13, 1895..	500 00		500 00	
234	"	500 00		500 00	
575	June 18, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
576	"	500 00		500 00	
577	"	500 00		500 00	
578	"	500 00		500 00	
601	June 25, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
602	"	500 00		500 00	
603	"	500 00		500 00	
604	"	500 00		500 00	
605	"	425 93		425 93	
1180	December 23, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1181	"	390 83		390 83	
		$17,816 76	$6,500 00		$11,316 75

Assessment No. 13. Contract No. 805. Improvement Brown Place Avenue E. to Garfield Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
112	October 17, 1895.....	$500 00	$500 00		
192	October 31, 1895.....	500 00	500 00		
193	"	500 00	500 00		
248	November 20, 1895..	500 00	500 00		
289	December 18, 1895...	500 00		500 00	
290	" ...	500 00		500 00	
291	" ...	244 54		244 54	
628	June 30, 1896.....	137 76		137 76	
		$3,382 30	$2,000 00		$1,382 30

Assessment No. 15. Contract No. 806. Improvement Sea View Avenue, Ocean to Garfield.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
177	October 31, 1895.....	$500 00	$500 00		
178	"	500 00	500 00		
179	"	500 00	500 00		
180	"	500 00	500 00		
249	November 20, 1895..	500 00	500 00		
250	" ..	500 00	500 00		
251	" ..	188 44		$188 44	
470	May 21, 1896.....	168 12		168 12	
		$3,356 56	$3,000 00		$356 56

Assessment No. 8. Contract No. 807. Improvement Sherman Avenue, South Street to North Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
126	October 23, 1895.....	$500 00	$500 00		
127	"	500 00	500 00		
128	"	500 00	500 00		
129	"	500 00	500 00		
130	"	500 00	500 00		
131	"	500 00	500 00		
132	"	500 00	500 00		
133	"	500 00	500 00		
190	October 31, 1895.....	500 00		$500 00	
191	"	500 00		500 00	
267	December 3, 1895....	500 00		500 00	
292	December 18, 1895...	500 00		500 00	
293	" ...	452 16		452 16	
606	June 18, 1896.....	339 58		339 58	
		$6,791 74	$4,000 00		$2,791 74

Assessment No. 7. Contract No. 808. Improvement Thorne Street, Summit to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
182	October 31, 1895....	$500 00	$500 00	
183	"	500 00	500 00	
184	"	500 00	500 00	
185	"	500 00	500 00	
186	"	500 00	500 00	

187	October 31, 1895....	$500 00	$500 00		
188	"	500 00	500 00		
189	"	500 00	500 00		
235	November 13, 1895..	500 00	500 00		
236	" ..	500 00	500 00		
237	" ..	500 00		$500 00	
268	December 3, 1895....	500 00		500 00	
269	" ...	500 00		500 00	
270	" ...	160 96		160 96	
544	June 30, 1896.....	350 57		350 57	
		$7,011 53	$5,000 00		$2,011 53

Assessment No. 17. Contract No. 809. Sewer Larch Avenue, north of St. Paul's to St. Paul's.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
113	October 17, 1895.....	$500 00		$500 00	
181	October 31, 1895.....	140 83		140 83	
455	May 13, 1896..	33 72		33 72	
		$674 55			$674 55

Assessment No. 20. Contract No. 810. Sewer Cambridge Avenue, South Street to Bowers Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
329	December 31, 1895...	$500 00	$500 00		
398	March 27, 1896.....	500 00		$500 00	
471	May 21, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
472	"	114 53		114 53	
1083	December 12, 1896...	84 97		84 97	
		$1,699 50	$500 00		$1,199 50

Assessment No. 21. Contract No. 811. Sewer, Summit Avenue, Sherman to Sanford Place.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
114	October 17, 1895....	$500 00	$500 00		
115	"	500 00		$500 00	
476	May 21, 1896.....	476 75		476 75	
629	June 30, 1896.....	77 72		77 72	
		$1,554 47	$500 00		$1,054 47

Assessment No. 5. Contract No. 813. Improvement Cartaret Avenue, Ocean to Arlington Avenues.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
73	October 31, 1895....	$500 00	$500 00		
74	"	500 00	500 00		
75	"	500 00	500 00		
76	"	500 00	500 00		
77	"	500 00	500 00		
78	"	500 00	500 00		
79	"	500 00	500 00		
80	"	500 00	500 00		
81	"	500 00		$500 00	
82	"	500 00		500 00	
83	"	500 00		500 00	
84	"	500 00		500 00	
85	" ...	470 16		470 16	
		$6,470 16	$4,000 00		$2,470 16

Assessment No. 4. Contract No. 814. Improvement Claremont Avenue, Arlington Avenue to Ocean Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
86	October 31, 1895....	$500 00	$500 00		
87	"	500 00	500 00		
88	"	500 00	500 00		
89	"	500 00	500 00		
90	"	500 00	500 00		
91	"	500 00	500 00		
92	"	500 00	500 00		
93	"	500 00	500 00		
163	"	500 00	500 00		
164	"	500 00	500 00		
165	"	500 00		$500 00	
166	"	500 00		500 00	
167	"	282 21		282 21	
		$6,282 21	$5,000 00		$1,282 21

Assessment No. 12. Contract No. 817. Improvement Ogden Avenue, Ferry to Franklin.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
168	October 31, 1895.....	$500 00	$500 00		
169	"	500 00	500 00		
170	"	500 00		$500 00	
171	"	500 00		500 00	
172	"	500 00		500 00	
173	"	500 00		500 00	
174	"	500 00		500 00	
175	"	500 00		500 00	
176	"	139 80		139 80	
		$4,139 80	$1,000 00		$3,139 80

Assessment No. 3. Contract No. 818. Improvement Atlantic Street, Ocean to Bergen Avenues.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
98	October 31, 1895....	$500 00	$500 00	
99	"	500 00	500 00	
100	"	500 00	500 00	
101	"	500 00	500 00	
102	"	500 00	500 00	
103	"	500 00	500 00	
104	"	500 00	500 00	
123	"	500 00	500 00	
124	"	500 00	500 00	
137	"	500 00	500 00	
138	"	500 00	500 00	
139	"	500 00	500 00	
140	"	500 00	500 00	
141	"	500 00	500 00	
142	"	500 00	500 00	
143	"	500 00	500 00	
144	"	500 00	500 00	
145	"	500 00	500 00	
146	"	500 00		$500 00
147	"	500 00		500 00
148	"	500 00		500 00
149	"	500 00		500 00
150	"	500 00		500 00
151	"	500 00		500 00
152	"	500 00		500 00

687	August 20, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
688	"	500 00		500 00	
689	"	323 77		323 77	
1182	December 23, 1896...	201 25		201 25	
		$4,025 02	$1,000 00		$3,025 02

Assessment No. 27. Contract No. 824. Sewer, Garrison Avenue, Bond to Stuyvesant.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
305	December 27, 1895...	$400 00		$400 00	
545	June 16, 1896.....	92 17		92 17	
1213	December 31, 1896...	35 90		35 90	
		$528 07			$528 07

Assessment No. 10. Contract No. 825. Sewer, Ocean Avenue, Armstrong Place to Woodlawn, &c.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
134	October 23, 1895....	$500 00	$500 00		
135	"	500 00	500 00		
136	"	500 00	500 00		
217	October 31, 1895....	500 00	500 00		
246	November 13, 1895..	500 00		$500 00	
247	"	500 00		500 00	
306	December 27, 1895..	500 00		500 00	
307	"	261 20		261 20	
630	June 30, 1896.....	197 95		197 95	
		$3,959 15	$2,000 00		$1,959 15

Assessment No. 11. Contract No. 826. Sewer, St. Paul's Avenue, east of Central to Oakland.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
252	November 20, 1895..	$500 00	$500 00		
297	December 20, 1895...	354 39		$354 39	
608	June 18, 1896.....	44 96		44 96	
		$899 35	$500 00		$399 35

Contract No. 830. Improvement Magnolia Avenue, Wales Avenue to Penn. R. R.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
308	December 27, 1895..	$500 00		$500 00	
309	"	500 00		500 00	
310	"	500 00		500 00	
456	May 13, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
457	"	500 00		500 00	
458	"	500 00		500 00	
546	June 16, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
547	"	500 00		500 00	
548	"	500 00		500 00	
549	"	500 00		500 00	
771	September 16, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
772	"	500 00		500 00	
773	"	500 00		500 00	
774	"	500 00		500 00	
775	"	500 00		500 00	
776	"	500 00		500 00	
777	"	500 00		500 00	
778	"	22 47		22 47	
1214	December 31, 1896...	448 55		448 55	
		$8,971 02			$8,971 02

Assessment No. 16. Contract No. 831. Improvement Wilks Street, Sip to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
335	December 31, 1895...	$500 00		$500 00	
336	" ...	278 32		278 32	
1183	December 23, 1896...	40 96		40 96	
		$819 28			$819 28

Assessment No. 49. Contract No. 833. Sewer, Nelson Avenue, Bleecker to Secaucus Road.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
311	December 27, 1895...	$500 00	$500 00	
312	" ...	500 00	500 00	
313	" ...	500 00	500 00	
314	" ...	400 00	400 00	
340	January 8, 1896.....	500 00	500 00	
341	February 5, 1896....	500 00	500 00	

352	February 19, 1896...	$500 00	$500 00		
402	April 2, 1896.....	500 00	500 00		
409	April 9, 1896.....	500 00	500 00		
437	April 29, 1896.....	500 00	500 00		
438	"	500 00		$500 00	
439	"	500 00		500 00	
459	May 13, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
460	"	500 00		500 00	
461	"	500 00		500 00	
462	"	500 00		500 00	
550	June 16, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
551	"	500 00		500 00	
631	June 30, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
632	"	500 00		500 00	
633	"	500 00		500 00	
808	October 8, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
809	"	500 00		500 00	
810	"	500 00		500 00	
811	"	500 00		500 00	
812	"	500 00		500 00	
813	"	500 00		500 00	
814	"	300 11		300 11	
1357	April 19, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1358	"	221 05		221 05	
		$14,421 16	$4,900 00		$9,521 16

Assessment No. 19. Contract No. 834 Improvement Jersey Avenue, 15th Street to Hoboken Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
273	December 11, 1895..	$500 00	$500 00	
274	"	500 00	500 00	
275	"	500 00	500 00	
276	"	500 00	500 00	
277	"	500 00	500 00	
278	"	500 00	500 00	
279	"	500 00	500 00	
298	December 18, 1895..	500 00		$500 00
299	"	500 00		500 00
300	"	500 00		500 00
301	"	300 00		300 00
315	December 27, 1895..	500 00		500 00
316	"	500 00		500 00
317	"	200 00		200 00

337	December 31, 1895..	$500 00		$500 00	
338	"	500 00		500 00	
339	"	300 00		300 00	
343	February 19, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
344	"	500 00		500 00	
345	"	161 81		161 81	
751	August 29, 1896.....	471 67		471 67	
		$9,433 48	$3,500 00		$5,933 48

Assessment, No. 43. Contract No. 836. Improvement Orchard Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
440	April 29, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
441	"	500 00	500 00		
442	"	500 00		$500 00	
463	May 13th, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
464	"	500 00		500 00	
465	"	500 00		500 00	
634	June 30, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
672	July 29, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
673	"	160 00		160 00	
1215	December 31, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1216	"	148 94		148 94	
		$4,808 94	$1,000 00		$3,808 94

Assessment No. 23. Contract No. 837. Improvement of Montgomery Street, Bergen to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
302	December 18, 1895...	$500 00	$500 00		
303	" ...	500 00	500 00		
304	" ...	300 00	300 00		
443	April 29, 1896.....	500 00	500 00		
444	"	500 00	500 00		
466	May 13, 1896.....	500 00	500 00		
473	May 21, 1896.....	500 00		$500 00	
474	"	500 00		500 00	
475	"	367 80		367 80	
1037	November 25, 1896..	219 36		219 36	
		$4,387 16	$2,800 00		$1,587 16

Assessment No. 64. Contract No. 843. Improvement Congress Street, Central to Summit Avenues.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
768	September 4, 1896...	$500 00	$500 00		
769	" ...	500 00		$500 00	
1038	November 25, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1039	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1040	" ..	188 74		188 74	
1505	June 9, 1897.....	115 19		115 19	
		$2,303 93	$500 00		$1,803 93

Assessment No. 29. Contract No. 845. Improvement Hancock Avenue, Bowers to Congress.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
579	June 18, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
580	"	500 00	500 00		
581	"	500 00	500 00		
582	"	500 00	500 00		
583	"	500 00	500 00		
584	"	500 00	500 00		
585	"	500 00	500 00		
586	"	500 00	500 00		
587	"	500 00	500 00		
588	"	500 00		$500 00	
635	June 30, 1896	500 00		500 00	
636	"	500 00		500 00	
637	"	500 00		500 00	
638	"	254 18		254 18	
1217	December 31, 1896...	355 48		355 48	
		$7,109 66	$4,500 00		$2,609 66

Assessment No. 30. Contract No. 846. Improvement Lincoln Street, Central to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
318	December 27, 1895...	$500 00	$500 00	
319	" ...	500 00	500 00	
320	" ...	500 00	500 00	
321	" ...	500 00	500 00	
322	" ...	500 00	500 00	
323	" ...	500 00	500 00	
324	" ...	500 00	500 00	

325	December 27, 1895...	$500 00	$500 00		
326	" ...	500 00	500 00		
513	May 28, 1896.....	500 00	500 00		
514	"	500 00	500 00		
515	"	500 00	500 00		
516	"	500 00		$500 00	
517	"	500 00		500 00	
639	June 30, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
640	"	500 00		500 00	
641	"	500 00		500 00	
642	"	500 00		500 00	
643	"	497 12		497 12	
1218	December 31, 1896...	499 84		499 84	
		$9,996 96	$6,000 00		$3,996 96

Contract No. 847. Opening and extension Mercer Street.
(Improvement Mercer Street.)

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
361	March 14, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
362	"	500 00		500 00	
363	"	500 00		500 00	
403	April 2, 1896	500 00		500 00	
404	"	500 00		500 00	
405	"	500 00		500 00	
644	June 30, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
645	"	500 00		500 00	
646	"	500 00		500 00	
647	"	500 00		500 00	
815	October 8, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
816	"	500 00		500 00	
817	"	500 00		500 00	
818	"	500 00		500 00	
819	"	500 00		500 00	
1109	December 12, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1110	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1111	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1112	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1113	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1114	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1252	January 6th, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1253	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1368	April 24, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1369	"	500 00		500 00	
1370	"	500 00		500 00	
1371	"	500 00		500 00	
1577	June 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1578	"	500 00		500 00	
		$14,500 00			$14,500 00

Contract No. 848. Opening and extension Mercer Street.
(Improvement Church Street.)

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
399	March 27, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
400	"	500 00		500 00	
401	"	500 00		500 00	
537	June 5, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
609	June 25, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
610	"	500 00		500 00	
779	September 16, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
780	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1115	December 12, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1116	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1117	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1118	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1119	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1120	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1121	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1122	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1123	December 17, 1896...	219 18		219 18	
1552	June 25, 1897.....	432 59		432 59	
		$8,651 77			$8,651 77

Contract No. 849. Opening and extension Mercer Street.
Steel Viaduct, Mercer Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
346	February 19, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00
347	"	500 00		500 00
348	"	500 00		500 00
349	"	500 00		500 00
350	"	500 00		500 00
351	"	500 00		500 00
357	March 6, 1896.	500 00		500 00
358	"	500 00		500 00
359	"	500 00		500 00
360	"	500 00		500 00
364	March 14, 1896.....	500 00		500 00
365	"	500 00		500 00
366	"	500 00		500 00
367	"	500 00		500 00
368	March 27, 1896.....	500 00		500 00
369	"	500 00		500 00
370	"	500 00		500 00

371	March 27, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00
372	"	500 00	500 00
373	"	500 00	500 00
374	"	500 00	500 00
375	"	500 00	500 00
376	"	500 00	500 00
377	"	500 00	500 00
378	"	500 00	500 00
379	"	500 00	500 00
380	"	500 00	500 00
381	"	500 00	500 00
382	"	500 00	500 00
383	"	500 00	500 00
384	"	500 00	500 00
385	"	500 00	500 00
386	"	500 00	500 00
387	"	500 00	500 00
388	"	500 00	500 00
389	"	500 00	500 00
390	"	500 00	500 00
391	"	500 00	500 00
392	"	500 00	500 00
393	"	500 00	500 00
394	"	500 00	500 00
395	"	500 00	500 00
396	"	500 00	500 00
397	"	500 00	500 00
410	April 9, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
411	"	500 00	500 00
412	"	500 00	500 00
413	"	500 00	500 00
414	"	500 00	500 00
415	"	500 00	500 00
416	"	500 00	500 00
417	"	500 00	500 00
418	"	500 00	500 00
419	"	500 00	500 00
421	"	500 00	500 00
422	"	500 00	500 00
423	"	500 00	500 00
427	April 22, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
428	"	500 00	500 00
429	"	500 00	500 00
430	"	500 00	500 00
431	"	500 00	500 00
432	"	500 00	500 00
433	"	500 00	500 00
434	"	500 00	500 00
435	"	500 00	500 00

436	April 22, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00
477	May 21, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
478	"	500 00	500 00
479	"	500 00	500 00
480	"	500 00	500 00
481	"	500 00	500 00
482	"	500 00	500 00
483	"	500 00	500 00
484	"	500 00	500 00
485	"	500 00	500 00
486	"	500 00	500 00
487	"	500 00	500 00
488	"	500 00	500 00
489	"	500 00	500 00
490	"	500 00	500 00
491	"	500 00	500 00
492	"	500 00	500 00
493	"	500 00	500 00
552	June 16, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
553	"	500 00	500 00
554	"	500 00	500 00
555	"	500 00	500 00
556	"	500 00	500 00
557	"	500 00	500 00
558	"	500 00	500 00
611	June 25, 1896..	500 00	500 00
612	"	500 00	500 00
662	July 17, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
663	"	500 00	500 00
664	"	500 00	500 00
690	August 20, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
691	"	500 00	500 00
692	"	500 00	500 00
781	September 24, 1896..	500 00	500 00
782	" ..	500 00	500 00
783	" ..	500 00	500 00
784	" ..	500 00	500 00
785	" ..	500 00	500 00
786	" ..	500 00	500 00
927	November 12, 1896..	500 00	500 00
928	" ..	500 00	500 00
929	" ..	500 00	500 00
930	" ..	500 00	500 00
931	" ..	500 00	500 00
932	" ..	500 00	500 00
933	" ..	500 00	500 00
934	" ..	500 00	500 00
935	" ..	500 00	500 00

936	November 12, 1896..	$500 00	$500 00	
937	" ..	500 00	500 00	
938	" ..	500 00	500 00	
939	" ..	500 00	500 00	
940	" ..	500 00	500 00	
941	" ..	500 00	500 00	
942	" ..	500 00	500 00	
943	" ..	500 00	500 00	
944	" ..	500 00	500 00	
945	" ..	500 00	500 00	
946	" ..	500 00	500 00	
1324	April 7, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1325	"	500 00	500 00	
1326	"	500 00	500 00	
1327	"	500 00	500 00	
1328	"	500 00	500 00	
1329	"	500 00	500 00	
1330	"	500 00	500 00	
1331	"	500 00	500 00	
1332	"	500 00	500 00	
1333	"	500 00	500 00	
1334	"	500 00	500 00	
1335	"	500 00	500 00	
1336	"	412 61	412 61	
1654	August 11, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1655	"	500 00	500 00	
1656	"	314 29	314 29	
		$70,226 90		$70,226 90

Contract No. 850. Improvement Thirteenth Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
424	April 9, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00
445	April 29, 1896.....	500 00		500 00
446	"	500 00		500 00
447	"	500 00		500 00
467	May 13, 1896.....	500 00		500 00
468	"	500 00		500 00
494	May 21, 1896.....	500 00		500 00
559	June 16, 1896.....	500 00		500 00
560	"	500 00		500 00
561	"	500 00		500 00
562	"	500 00		500 00
563	"	500 00		500 00
564	"	500 00		500 00
565	"	500 00		500 00

589	June 18, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00
590	"	500 00	500 00
648	June 30, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
649	"	500 00	500 00
650	"	500 00	500 00
665	July 17, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
666	"	500 00	500 00
667	"	500 00	500 00
677	August 5, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
678	"	500 00	500 00
706	August 28, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
707	"	500 00	500 00
708	"	500 00	500 00
709	"	500 00	500 00
710	"	500 00	500 00
711	"	500 00	500 00
712	"	500 00	500 00
713	"	500 00	500 00
714	"	500 00	500 00
715	"	500 00	500 00
716	"	500 00	500 00
717	"	500 00	500 00
718	"	500 00	500 00
719	"	500 00	500 00
720	"	500 00	500 00
721	"	500 00	500 00
722	"	500 00	500 00
723	"	500 00	500 00
724	"	500 00	500 00
725	"	500 00	500 00
726	"	500 00	500 00
727	"	500 00	500 00
728	"	500 00	500 00
729	"	500 00	500 00
730	"	500 00	500 00
731	"	500 00	500 00
732	"	500 00	500 00
733	"	500 00	500 00
734	"	500 00	500 00
735	"	500 00	500 00
736	"	500 00	500 00
737	"	500 00	500 00
738	"	500 00	500 00
739	"	500 00	500 00
740	"	500 00	500 00
741	"	500 00	500 00
742	"	500 00	500 00
743	"	500 00	500 00

744	August 28, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00
745	"	500 00	500 00
746	"	500 00	500 00
747	"	500 00	500 00
794	September 25, 1896..	500 00	500 00
795	" ..	500 00	500 00
796	" ..	500 00	500 00
797	" ..	500 00	500 00
798	" ..	500 00	500 00
799	" ..	500 00	500 00
800	" ..	500 00	500 00
820	October 8, 1896.....	500 00	500 00
821	"	500 00	500 00
822	"	500 00	500 00
823	"	500 00	500 00
824	"	500 00	500 00
825	"	500 00	500 00
826	"	500 00	500 00
827	"	500 00	500 00
828	"	500 00	500 00
829	"	500 00	500 00
830	"	500 00	500 00
831	"	500 00	500 00
832	"	500 00	500 00
833	"	500 00	500 00
834	"	500 00	500 00
835	"	500 00	500 00
836	"	500 00	500 00
837	"	500 00	500 00
838	"	500 00	500 00
839	"	500 00	500 00
947	November 12, 1896..	500 00	500 00
948	" ..	500 00	500 00
949	" ..	500 00	500 00
950	" ..	500 00	500 00
951	" .	500 00	500 00
952	" ..	500 00	500 00
953	" ..	500 00	500 00
954	" ..	500 00	500 00
955	" ..	500 00	500 00
956	" ..	500 00	500 00
957	" ..	500 00	500 00
958	" ..	500 00	500 00
959	" ..	500 00	500 00
960	" ..	500 00	500 00
961	" ..	500 00	500 00
962	" ..	500 00	500 00
963	" ..	500 00	500 00

964	November 12, 1896..	$500 00	$500 00
965	" ..	500 00	500 00
966	" ..	500 00	500 00
967	" ..	500 00	500 00
968	" ..	500 00	500 00
969	" ..	500 00	500 00
970	" ..	500 00	500 00
971	" ..	500 00	500 00
972	" ..	500 00	500 00
973	" ..	500 00	500 00
974	" ..	500 00	500 00
975	" ..	500 00	500 00
976	" ..	500 00	500 00
977	" ..	500 00	500 00
978	" ..	500 00	500 00
979	" ..	500 00	500 00
980	" ..	500 00	500 00
981	" ..	500 00	500 00
982	" ..	500 00	500 00
1184	December 23, 1896..	500 00	500 00
1185	" ..	500 00	500 00
1186	" ..	500 00	500 00
1187	" ..	500 00	500 00
1188	" ..	500 00	500 00
1189	" ..	500 00	500 00
1190	" ..	500 00	500 00
1191	" ..	500 00	500 00
1192	" ..	500 00	500 00
1380	April 13, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1381	"	500 00	500 00
1382	"	500 00	500 00
1383	"	500 00	500 00
1384	"	500 00	500 00
1385	"	500 00	500 00
1386	"	500 00	500 00
1387	"	500 00	500 00
1388	"	500 00	500 00
1389	"	500 00	500 00
1390	"	500 00	500 00
1391	"	500 00	500 00
1392	"	500 00	500 00
1393	"	500 00	500 00
1394	"	500 00	500 00
1395	"	500 00	500 00
1396	"	500 00	500 00
1397	"	500 00	500 00
1398	"	500 00	500 00
1399	"	500 00	500 00

1400	April 13, 1897.	$500 00	$500 00	
1401	"	500 00	500 00	
1402	"	500 00	500 00	
1403	"	500 00	500 00	
1404	"	500 00	500 00	
1405	"	500 00	500 00	
1406	"	500 00	500 00	
1407	"	500 00	500 00	
1408	"	500 00	500 00	
1409	"	500 00	500 00	
1801	November 12, 1897..	92 53	92 53	
		$84,092 53		$84,092 53

Assessment No. 25. Contract No. 851. Improvement Union Street, Ocean to Bergen.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
342	February 5, 1896....	$500 00	$500 00	
495	May 21, 1896.....	500 00	500 00	
496	"	500 00	500 00	
497	"	500 00	500 00	
498	"	500 00	500 00	
499	"	500 00	500 00	
500	"	500 00	500 00	
501	"	500 00	500 00	
502	"	500 00	500 00	
503	"	500 00	500 00	
504	"	500 00	500 00	
521	May 28, 1896.....	500 00	500 00	
522	"	500 00	500 00	
523	"	500 00	500 00	
524	"	500 00	500 00	
525	"	500 00	500 00	
526	"	500 00		$500 00
527	"	500 00		500 00
528	"	500 00		500 00
529	"	500 00		500 00
530	"	500 00		500 00
531	"	500 00		500 00
532	"	500 00		500 00
533	"	500 00		500 00
534	"	500 00		500 00
535	"	500 00		500 00
536	"	500 00		500 00
591	June 18, 1896.....	500 00		500 00
592	"	500 00		500 00

593	June 18, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
594	"	500 00		500 00	
595	"	500 00		500 00	
596	"	500 00		500 00	
597	"	449 84		449 84	
		$16,949 84	$8,000 00		$8,949 84

Contract No. 853. Sewer Magnolia Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
425	April 16, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00
505	May 21, 1896.....	401 84		401 84
1014	November 19, 1896..	47 46		47 46
		$949 30		$949 30

Assessment No. 18. Contract No. 854. Sewer, Marion Place, Giles to West Side.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
420	April 3, 1896.....	$484 93		$494 93	
883	October 14, 1896.....	85 57	$85 57		
		$570 50	$85 57		$484 93

Assessment No. 22. Contract No. 860. Improvement Ege Avenue, Ocean to Jackson.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
506	May 21, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
507	"	500 00	500 00		
508	"	500 00	500 00		
509	"	500 00		$500 00	
510	"	184 34		184 34	
1041	November 25, 1896..	114 96		114 96	
		$2,299 30	$1,500 00		$799 30

Assessment No. 47. Contract No. 861. Improvement Virginia Avenue, Bergen to Jackson Avenues.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
679	August 5, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
787	September 16, 1896..	500 00	500 00		
788	" ..	500 00	500 00		
789	" ..	500 00	500 00		
790	" ..	500 00	500 00		
791	" ..	500 00	500 00		
801	September 25, 1896..	500 00	500 00		
805	September 30, 1896..	500 00	500 00		
806	" ..	500 00		$500 00	
884	October 14, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
913	October 27, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
914	"	500 00		500 00	
915	"	114 12		114 12	
1437	May 19, 1897.....	271 79		271 79	
		$6,385 91	$4,000 00		$2,385 91

Assessment No. 26. Contract No. 862. Sewer Harmon Street, Grand to Garfield.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
566	June 16, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
567	"	407 97		407 97	
1193	December 23, 1896...	47 78		47 78	
		$955 75			$955 75

Assessment No. 24. Contract No. 863. Sewer, Boyd Avenue, Boulevard to West Side.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
426	April 16, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
511	May 21, 1896.....	500 00		$500 00	
512	"	172 89		172 89	
1194	December 23, 1896...	61 78		61 78	
		$1,234 67	$500 00		$734 67

Assessment No. 38. Contract No. 864. Sewer, Columbia Avenue, Lincoln to Zabriskie.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
518	May 28, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
519	"	500 00	500 00		
569	June 16, 1896.....	500 00		$500 00	
651	June 30, 1896.....	465 36		465 36	
1219	December 31, 1896...	195 78		195 78	
		$2,161 14	$1,000 00		$1,161 14

Contract No. 865. Opening Jackson Place, Old Bergen Road to Hudson County Public Road.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
570	June 16, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
613	June 25, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
652	June 30, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
1685	August 25, 1897.....	483 60		483 60	
		$1,983 60			$1,983 60

Assessment No. 39. Contract No. 866. Grading, Lake Street, Montrose Avenue to Hudson Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
598	June 18, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
599	"	500 00	500 00		
600	"	500 00		$500 00	
752	August 28, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
753	"	500 00		500 00	
754	"	72 90		72 90	
1295	March 3, 1897.....	135 41		135 41	
		$2,708 31	$1,000 00		$1,708 31

Assessment No. 42. Contract No. 867. Improvement Oakland Avenue, Hoboken to Prospect Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
614	June 25, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00	
615	"	500 00	500 00	
616	"	500 00	500 00	

617	June 25, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
618	"	500 00	500 00		
619	"	500 00	500 00		
620	"	500 00	500 00		
653	June 30, 1896.....	500 00	500 00		
654	"	500 00	500 00		
655	"	500 00		$500 00	
656	"	500 00		500 00	
658	June 8, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
659	"	500 00		500 00	
660	"	500 00		500 00	
674	July 29, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
675	"	500 00		500 00	
693	August 22, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
694	"	500 00		500 00	
695	"	500 00		500 00	
696	"	500 00		500 00	
697	"	500 00		500 00	
698	"	500 00		500 00	
699	"	200 27		200 27	
1279	March 4, 1897.....	484 22		484 22	
		$11,684 49	$4,500 00		$7,184 49

Assessment No. 34. Contract No. 868. Sewer, Ege Avenue, Hudson County Public Road to West Side Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
668	July 17, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
699	"	500 00		$500 00	
676	July 29, 1896.....	366 78		366 78	
1280	February 25, 1897...	71 93		71 93	
		$1,438 71	$500 00		$938 71

Assessment No. 35. Contract No. 869. Sewer, Van Wagenen Avenue, North of St. Paul's to St. Paul's.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
657	June 30, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
756	August 29, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
757	"	332 95		332 95	
1298	March 17, 1897.....	70 15		70 15	
		$1,403 10			$1,403 10

Assessment No. 37. Contract No. 870. Sewer, Kearney Avenue, from West Side 900 feet East.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
520	May 28, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
748	August 20, 1896.....	500 00		$500 00	
749	"	201 04		201 04	
1281	March 1, 1897.....	63 21		63 21	
		$1,264 25	$500 00		$764 25

Assessment No. 31. Contract No. 871. Sewer, Fifteenth Street, from Henderson Street East to Provost.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
571	June 16, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
621	June 25, 1896.....	500 00		$500 00	
661	July 8, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
680	August 5, 1896.....	369 58		369 58	
1270	February 3, 1897....	98 39		98 39	
		$1,967 97	$500 00		$1,467 97

Assessment No. 63. Contract No. 879. Sewer, Van Winkle Street, Boulevard to Germania Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
670	July 17, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
671	"	500 00		500 00	
681	August 5, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
1271	February 3, 1897....	500 00		500 00	
1272	"	135 03		135 03	
1579	June 30, 1897.....	112 37		112 37	
		$2,247 40			$2,247 40

Assessment No. 36. Contract No. 881. Sewer, Randolph Avenue, Harmon Street, Etc

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
758	August 29, 1896.....	$393 30		$393 30	
1282	February 25, 1897...	20 76		20 76	
		$414 06			$414 06

Assessment No. 58. Contract No. 882. Sewer, Odgen and Booraem Aves.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
750	August 20, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
840	October 8, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
1052	December 2, 1896....	500 00		500 00	
1053	"	500 00		500 00	
1054	"	93 76		93 76	
1438	May 19, 1897.....	71 19		71 19	
		$2,164 95			$2,164 95

Assessment No. 72. Contract No. 883. Sewer, Sherman Place, Summit Avenue to Sanford Place.

ertificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
841	October 8, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
885	October 14, 1896.....	500 00	500 00		
1195	December 23, 1896...	500 00		$500 00	
1196	" ...	66 08		66 08	
1439	May 19, 1897	82 42		82 42	
		$1,648 50	$1,000 00		$648 50

Contract No. 884. Sewer, Clendenny Avenue, Hackensack River to West Side Avenue, Etc.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
983	November 12, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00
984	" ..	500 00		500 00
985	" ..	500 00		500 00
986	" ..	500 00		500 00
1055	December 2, 1896...	500 00		500 00
1056	" ..	500 00		500 00
1057	" ..	500 00		500 00
1058	" ..	500 00		500 00
1059	" ..	500 00		500 00
1060	" ..	500 00		500 00
1124	December 17, 1896..	500 00		500 00
1125	" ..	500 00		500 00
1126	" ..	500 00		500 00
1127	" ..	500 00		500 00
1128	" ..	500 00		500 00
1129	" ..	500 00		500 00

1210	December 23, 1896...	$500 00	$500 00
1211	" ..	500 00	500 00
1212	" ..	500 00	500 00
1220	December 31, 1896...	500 00	500 00
1221	" ...	500 00	500 00
1222	" ...	500 00	500 00
1223	" ...	500 00	500 00
1224	" ...	500 00	500 00
1225	" ...	500 00	500 00
1226	" ...	500 00	500 00
1227	" ...	500 00	500 00
1228	" ...	500 00	500 00
1229	" ...	500 00	500 00
1230	" ...	500 00	500 00
1254	January 22, 1897....	500 00	500 00
1255	"	500 00	500 00
1256	"	500 00	500 00
1257	"	500 00	500 00
1258	"	500 00	500 00
1259	"	500 00	500 00
1283	February 25, 1897....	500 00	500 00
1284	"	500 00	500 00
1285	"	500 00	500 00
1286	"	500 00	500 00
1301	March 19, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1302	"	500 00	500 00
1303	"	500 00	500 00
1307	March 25, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1308	"	500 00	500 00
1309	"	500 00	500 00
1310	"	500 00	500 00
1311	"	500 00	500 00
1312	"	500 00	500 00
1313	"	500 00	500 00
1314	"	500 00	500 00
1315	"	500 00	500 00
1316	"	500 00	500 00
1317	"	500 00	500 00
1318	"	500 00	500 00
1319	"	500 00	500 00
1320	"	500 00	500 00
1321	"	500 00	500 00
1322	"	500 00	500 00
1337	April 7, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1338	"	500 00	500 00
1339	"	500 00	500 00
1340	"	500 00	500 00
1341	"	500 00	500 00

1342	April 7, 1897.... ...	$500 00	$500 00
1343	"	500 00	500 00
1344	"	500 00	500 00
1345	"	500 00	500 00
1346	"	500 00	500 00
1347	"	500 00	500 00
1348	"	500 00	500 00
1349	"	500 00	500 00
1359	April 19, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1360	"	500 00	500 00
1361	"	500 00	500 00
1362	"	500 00	500 00
1363	"	500 00	500 00
1364	"	500 00	500 00
1481	June 4, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1482	"	500 00	500 00
1483	"	500 00	500 00
1484	"	500 00	500 00
1485	"	500 00	500 00
1506	June 9, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1507	"	500 00	500 00
1508	"	500 00	500 00
1509	"	500 00	500 00
1510	"	500 00	500 00
1511	"	500 00	500 00
1512	"	500 00	500 00
1513	"	500 00	500 00
1580	June 30, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1581	"	500 00	500 00
1582	"	500 00	500 00
1583	"	500 00	500 00
1584	"	500 00	500 00
1585	"	500 00	500 00
1586	"	500 00	500 00
1587	"	500 00	500 00
1588	"	500 00	500 00
1589	"	500 00	500 00
1590	"	500 00	500 00
1591	"	500 00	500 00
1592	"	500 00	500 00
1644	July 15, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1657	July 30, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1658	"	500 00	500 00
1669	August 12, 1897.....	500 00	500 00
1670	"	500 00	500 00
1740	September 16, 1897..	500 00	500 00
1741	" ..	500 00	500 00
1742	" ..	500 00	500 00

1743	September 16, 1897..	$500 00	$500 00	
1744	" ..	500 00	500 00	
1759	September 30, 1897..	500 00	500 00	
1760	" ..	500 00	500 00	
		$58,000 00		$58,000 00

Assessment No. 46. Contract No. 885. Sewer, Tonnele Avenue, St. Paul's Avenue, Etc.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
842	October 8, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
843	"	500 00		$500 00	
916	October 27, 1896. ...	500 00		500 00	
917	"	419 64		419 64	
1410	April 13, 1897.....	101 03		101 03	
		$2,020 67	$500 00		$1,520 67

Assessment No. 50. Contract No. 891. Sewer, Leonard Street, Boulevard to Nelson.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
844	October 8, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
845	"	500 00		500 00	
846	"	500 00		500 00	
1015	November 19, 1896..	330 69		330 69	
1440	May 19, 1897.....	96 35		96 35	
		$1,927 04			$1,927 04

Assessment No. 69. Contract No. 895. Sewer, Thorne Street, Central Avenue to Summit Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
759	August 28, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00
770	September 23, 1896..	500 00		500 00
1299	March 17, 1897.....	40 45		40 45
		$1,040 45		$1,040 45

Assessment No. 51. Contract No. 896. Sewer, Bay View Avenue, Ocean to Arlington.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
847	October 8, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
848	"	500 00		500 00	
849	"	32 84		32 84	
1350	April 7, 1897.....	54 36		54 36	
		$1,087 20			$1,087 20

Assessment No. 40. Contract No. 903. Improvement Lake Street, Montrose Avenue to Boulevard. (Paving.)

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
760	August 28, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
761	"	500 00	500 00		
762	"	500 00		$500 00	
763	"	500 00		500 00	
764	"	500 00		500 00	
765	"	399 59		399 59	
1296	March 3, 1897.....	152 60		152 60	
		$3,052 19	$1,000 00		$2,052 19

Assessment No. 54. Contract No. 904. Improvement Fairview Avenue, West Side to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
886	October 14, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
887	"	500 00		500 00	
987	November 12, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
988	" ..	500 00		500 00	
989	" ..	32 76		32 76	
1441	May 19, 1897.....	106 98		106 98	
		$2,139 74			$2,139 74

Assessment No. 59. Contract No. 905. Sewer, Irving Street, Summit Avenue to Central Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
918	October 27, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
1042	November 25, 1896..	432 43		$432 43	
1486	June 4, 1897.....	49 07		49 07	
		$981 50	$500 00		$481 50

Assessment No. 45. Contract No. 906. Sewer, Central Avenue, Booream Avenue to Ferry Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
766	August 28, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
850	October 8, 1896.....	472 09		472 09	
1365	April 19, 1897.....	51 16		51 16	
		$1,023 25			$1,023 25

Assessment No. 48. Contract No. 907. Improvement Cambridge Avenue, Congress Street to North Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
851	October 8, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
852	"	500 00	500 00		
853	"	500 00	500 00		
854	"	500 00	500 00		
855	"	500 00		$500 00	
910	October 21, 1896.....	287 82		287 82	
1411	April 13, 1897.....	146 72		146 72	
		$2,934 54	$2,000 00		$934 54

Assessment No. 71. Contract No. 908. Main Branch Sewer, West Side Avenue, N. & N. Y. R. R., to Pollock Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
856	October 18, 1896....	$500 00	$500 00		
857	"	500 00	500 00		
858	"	500 00		$500 00	
859	"	500 00		500 00	
860	"	500 00		500 00	
861	" ...	500 00		500 00	
911	October 21, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
1130	December 17, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1131	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1132	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1133	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1134	" ...	93 46		93 46	
1529	June 19, 1897.....	294 39		294 39	
		$5,887 85	$1,000 00		$4,887 85

Contract No. 909 Improvement. Harmon Street, Grand Street to Garfield Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1016	November 19, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00	
1017	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1018	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1019	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1020	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1021	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1260	January 22, 1897....	500 00		500 00	
1261	"	282 81		282 81	
		$3,782 81			$3,782 81

Assessment No. 56. Contract No. 910, Sewer, Duncan Avenue, Hudson Boulevard to West Side Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding	
700	August 20, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
767	August 28, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
888	October 14, 1896....	500 00		500 00	
889	"	20 48		20 48	
1366	April 19, 1897.....	80 02		80 02	
		$1,600 50			$1,600 50

Contract No. 911. Improvement Central Avenue, Congress Street to Paterson Plank Road.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1022	November 19, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00	
1023	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1024	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1043	November 25, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1044	"	500 00		500 00	
1045	"	500 00		500 00	
1046	"	500 00		500 00	
1047	"	500 00		500 00	
1061	December 2, 1896....	500 00		500 00	
1062	"	500 00		500 00	
1063	"	500 00		500 00	
1084	December 21, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1085	"	500 00		500 00	
1086	"	500 00		500 00	
1087	"	73 16		73 16	
		$7,073 16			$7,073 16

Assessment No. 86. Contract No. 912. Sewer, Tonnele Avenue, Newark to St Paul's.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1088	December 12, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00	
1231	December 31, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1367	April 19, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1412	April 13, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1593	June 30, 1897.....	274 17		274 17	
		$2,274 17			$2,274 17

Assessment No. 57. Contract No. 914. Sewer, Myrtle Avenue, Ocean Avenue, Etc.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
862	October 8, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
863	"	500 00	500 00		
864	"	500 00		$500 00	
1025	November 19, 1896...	305 64		305 64	
1372	April 24, 1897.....	95 03		95 03	
		$1,900 67	$1,000 00		$900 67

Assessment No. 44. Contract No. 915. Sewer, South Street, Passaic, to Central Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
919	October 27, 1896....	$500 00		$500 00	
920	"	221 60		221 60	
1442	May 19, 1897.....	37 45		37 45	
		$759 05			$759 05

Assessment No. 74. Contract No. 916. Sewer, Pavonia Avenue, Lands of P. R. R. to West Side.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid	Amount Outstanding.	
921	October 27, 1896....	$500 00	$500 00		
922	"	500 00		$500 00	
923	"	500 00		500 00	
1026	November 19, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1064	December 2, 1896....	500 00		500 00	
1197	December 23, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1262	January 22, 1897....	500 00		500 00	
1263	"	208 88		208 88	
1651	July 27, 1897.....	195 20		195 20	
		$3,904 08	$500 00		$3,404 08

Assessment No. 80. Contract No. 917. Sewer, Walker Avenue, Bergen Avenue to Van Cleef Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1048	November 25, 1896..	$500 00	$500 00		
1065	December 2, 1896...	500 00		$500 00	
1232	December 31, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1264	January 22, 1897....	500 00		500 00	
1265	"	500 00		500 00	
1323	March 31, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1425	May 12, 1897.....	477 86		477 86	
		$3,477 86	$500 00		$2,977 86

Contract No. 918. Sewer, Logan Street, Etc.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1089	December 12, 1896..	$400 00		$400 00	
		$400 00			$400 00

Assessment No. 60. Contract No. 919. Sewer, Cambridge Avenue, Bowers Street to Griffith Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
912	October 21, 1896....	$500 00		$500 00	
1066	December 2, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1067	"	213 42		213 42	
1487	June 4, 1897.....	63 86		63 86	
		$1,277 28			$1,277 28

Contract No. 920. Sewer, Third Street, Mersoles Street to Brunswick Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
865	October 8, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00
866	"	500 00		500 00
867	"	500 00		500 00
868	"	500 00		500 00
869	"	500 00		500 00
870	"	500 00		500 00
871	"	500 00		500 00
872	" ...	500 00		500 00
873	"	500 00		500 00

990	November 12, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00	
991	" ..	500 00		500 00	
992	" ..	500 00		500 00	
993	" ..	473 89		473 89	
1443	May 19, 1897.....	340 73		340 73	
		$6,814 62			$6,814 62

Assessment No. 62. Contract No. 921. Improvement Van Winkle Street Boulevard to Tonnele Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
994	November 12, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00	
995	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1068	December 2, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1069	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1233	December 31, 1896...	333 47		333 47	
1594	June 30, 1897.....	122 81		122 81	
		$2,456 28			$2,456 28

Assessment No. 55. Contract No. 922. Improvement Claremont Avenue, Jackson Avenue to Bergen Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
996	November 12, 1896..	$500 00	$500 00		
997	" ..	500 00	500 00		
998	" ..	500 00		$500 00	
999	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1000	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1001	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1002	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1003	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1004	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1005	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1006	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1007	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1008	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1009	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1010	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1027	November 19, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1028	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1029	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1030	" ..	337 63		337 63	
1135	December 17, 1896..	314 05		314 05	
		$9,651 68	$1,000 00		$8,651 68

Contract No. 923. Sewer, Old Bergen Road, Etc., Danforth to Boulevard,

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
792	September 16, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00	
793	" ..	500 00		500 00	
807	September 30, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
874	October 8, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
875	"	500 00		500 00	
890	October 14, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
891	"	500 00		500 00	
924	October 27, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
1011	November 12, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1136	December 17, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1137	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1234	December 31, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1266	January 22, 1897....	500 00		500 00	
1287	February 25, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1297	March 3, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1300	March 11, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1304	March 19, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1351	April 7, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1373	April 24, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1413	April 13, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1426	May 12, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1514	June 14, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1515	"	500 00		500 00	
1516	"	500 00		500 00	
1517	"	500 00		500 00	
1518	"	196 01		196 01	
		$12,696 01			$12,696 01

Contract No. 924. Improvement West Side Avenue, Pollock Avenue to Danforth Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
802	September 25, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00
803	" ..	500 00		500 00
804	" ..	500 00		500 00
876	October 8, 1896.....	500 00		500 00
877	"	500 00		500 00
1012	November 12, 1896..	500 00		500 00
1013	" ..	500 00		500 00
1049	November 25, 1896..	500 00		500 00
1070	December 2. 1896....	500 00		500 00
1138	December 17, 1896...	500 00		500 00

1198	December 23, 1896...	$500 00	$500 00	
1199	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1235	December 31, 1896...	500 00	500 00	
1236	"	500 00	500 00	
1267	January 27, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1268	"	500 00	500 00	
1352	April 7, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1353	"	500 00	500 00	
1374	April 24, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1427	May 12, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1428	"	500 00	500 00	
1429	"	500 00	500 00	
1458	May 27, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1530	June 18, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1531	"	500 00	500 00	
1532	"	500 00	500 00	
1533	"	500 00	500 00	
1534	"	106 15	106 15	
		$13,606 15		$13,606 15

Assessment No. 66. Contract No. 928. Improvement Cottage Street, Hudson Boulevard to Lands of P. R. R., &c.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
892	October 14, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
893	"	500 00	500 00		
894	"	500 00	500 00		
895	"	500 00	500 00		
896	"	500 00		$500 00	
897	"	500 00		500 00	
898	"	500 00		500 00	
1031	November 19, 1896 .	500 00		500 00	
1032	" ..	491 14		491 14	
1444	May 19, 1897.....	236 37		236 37	
		$4,727 51	$2,000 00		$2,727 51

Assessment No. 90. Contract No. 933. Improvement Zabriskie Street, Summit Avenue to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
878	October 8, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00	
879	"	500 00		$500 00
880	"	500 00		500 00
881	"	500 00		500 00

882	October 8, 1896.....	$500 00		$500 00	
899	October 14, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
900	"	500 00		500 00	
901	"	500 00		500 00	
902	"	500 00		500 00	
903	"	500 00		500 00	
925	October 31, 1896.....	500 00		500 00	
926	"	192 19		192 19	
1595	June 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1596	"	422 37		422 37	
		$6,614 56	$500 00		$6,114 56

Contract No. 935. Sewer, Harmon Street, Arlington Avenue to Grand Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1033	November 19, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00	
1050	November 25, 1896..	126 77		126 77	
		$626 77			$626 77

Contract No. 936. Sewer, First Street, Colgate Street to Brunswick Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1034	November 19, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00	
1035	" ..	500 00		500 00	
		$1,000 00			$1,000 00

Contract No. 937. Sewer, Bright Street from Brunswick Street to Monmouth and Bright Streets.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1036	November 19, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00	
1071	December 2, 1896....	500 00		500 00	
1139	December, 17, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1305	April 13, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1306	"	113 06		113 06	
		$2,113 06			$2,113 06

Assessment No. 75. Contract No. 938. Sewer, Clark Avenue, West Side to Mallory, Etc.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1276	February 9, 1897 ...	$500 00		$500 00	
1288	February 25, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1289	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1354	April 7, 1897.....	364 49		364 49	
		$1,864 49			$1,864 49

Asssessment No. 65. Contract No. 939. Improvement Pavonia Avenue, Chestnut Avenue to Summit Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
904	October 14, 1896.....	$500 00	$500 00		
905	"	500 00	500 00		
906	"	500 00		$500 00	
907	"	500 00		500 00	
908	"	500 00		500 00	
909	"	500 00		500 00	
1090	December 12, 1896..	500 00		500 00	
1091	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1092	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1093	" ..	286 67		286 67	
1535	June 19, 1897.	224 93		224 93	
		$5,011 60	$1,000 00		$4,011 60

Assessment No. 94. Contract No. 940. Improvement Clinton Avenue, Jackson to Bergen.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1445	May 19, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1446	"	500 00		500 00	
1459	May 27, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1460	"	500 00		500 00	
1461	"	500 00		500 00	
1488	June 4, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1536	June 16, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1597	June 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1598	"	202 05		202 05	
		$4,202 05			$4,202 05

Assessment No. 89. Contract No. 941. Improvement Reservoir Avenue, Central to Webster.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1599	June 30, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1600	"	500 00		500 00	
1601	"	500 00		500 00	
1602	"	500 00		500 00	
1603	"	500 00		500 00	
1604	"	500 00		500 00	
1605	"	500 00		500 00	
1606	"	500 00		500 00	
1607	"	191 97		191 97	
		$4,191 97			$4,191 97

Assessment No. 93. Contract No. 942. Improvement Arlington Avenue, Grand to Communipaw.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1608	June 30, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1645	July 16, 1897.....	243 30		243 30	
		$743 30			$743 30

Assessment No. 73. Contract No. 943. Improvement Winfield Avenue, Garfield to Avenue E.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1072	December 2, 1896 ...	$500 00		$500 00	
1073	"	500 00		500 00	
1094	December 12, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1237	December 31, 1896...	466 09		466 09	
1609	June 30, 1897.....	103 48		103 48	
		$2,069 57			$2,069 57

Assessment No. 82. Contract No. 944. Improvement Garrison Avenue, Stuyvesant to Tonnele.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
1140	December 17, 1896...	$500 00	$500 00	
1141	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1142	" ...	500 00	500 00	

1143	December 17, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00	
1144	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1145	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1146	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1147	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1273	February 3, 1897....	500 00		500 00	
1274	"	500 00		500 00	
1275	"	197 97		197 97	
1714	September 2, 1897...	273 58		273 58	
		$5,471 55	$1,500 00		$3,971 55

Assessment No. 67. Contract No. 945. Improvement North Street, &c.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1074	December 2, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00	
1200	December 23, 1896...	424 97		424 97	
1553	June 25, 1897.....	48 68		48 68	
		$973 65			$973 65

Assessment No. 83. Contract No. 946. Improvement Old Bergen Road, Gates to 53d Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1075	December 2, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00	
1076	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1077	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1078	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1079	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1095	December 12, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1238	December 31, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1239	" ...	199 34		199 34	
1610	June 30, 1897.....	194 70		194 70	
		$3,894 04			$3,894 04

Contract No. 947. Improvement Stuyvesant Avenue, Van Reypen Place, &c.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
1148	December 21, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00
1149	" ...	500 00		500 00
1150	" ...	500 00		500 00
1151	" ...	500 00		500 00
1152	" ...	500 00		500 00

1153	December 21, 1896...	$500 00	$500 00	
1154	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1155	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1156	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1554	June 25, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1555	"	500 00	500 00	
1556	"	500 00	500 00	
1557	"	500 00	500 00	
1558	"	500 00	500 00	
1559	"	500 00	500 00	
1560	"	330 67	330 67	
		$7,830 67		$7,830 67

Assessment No. 61. Contract No. 948. Improvement Prescott Place, G. to P.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1096	December 17, 1896..	$500 00	$500 00		
1097	" ...	500 00	500 00		
1098	" ...	500 00	500 00		
1099	" ...	500 00	500 00		
1100	" ...	500 00		$500 00	
1101	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1102	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1103	" ...	309 93		309 93	
1561	June 25, 1897.....	200 52		200 52	
		$4,010 45	$2,000 00		$2,010 45

Assessment No. 97. Contract No. 949. Improvement Neptune Avenue, Ocean Avenue to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1051	November 25, 1896..	$500 00		$500 00	
1080	December 2, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1081	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1082	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1240	December 31, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1241	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1242	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1430	May 12, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1431	"	500 00		500 00	
1611	June 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1612	"	500 00		500 00	
1613	"	92 82		92 82	
		$5,592 82			$5,592 82

Assessment No. 91. Contract No. 950. Improvement Hague St., Boulevard to Paterson Plank Road.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1201	December 23, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00	
1202	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1203	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1204	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1614	June 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1615	"	500 00		500 00	
1616	"	500 00		500 00	
1617	"	500 00		500 00	
1618	"	500 00		500 00	
1619	"	500 00		500 00	
1620	"	471 18		471 18	
		$5,471 18			$5,471 18

Assessment No. 68. Contract No. 951. Improvement Grace Street, Boulevard to Nelson.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1157	December 17, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00	
1158	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1205	December 23, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1206	" ...	20 32		20 32	
1562	June 25, 1897.....	80 01		80 01	
		$1,600 33			$1,600 33

Contract No. 952. Improvement Columbia Avenue, Zabriskie, &c.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1646	July 15, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1686	August 20, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1715	September 2, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1716	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1745	September 16, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1779	October 21, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1780	"	500 00		500 00	
1781	"	500 00		500 00	
1782	"	306 60		306 60	
		$4,306 60			$4,306 60

Assessment No. 85. Contract No. 953. Sewer, Harrison and Bentley Avenues, Bergen to West Side.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1462	May 27, 1897.....	$500 00	$500 00		
1489	June 4, 1897.....	500 00	500 00		
1519	June 9, 1897.....	500 00		$500 00	
1537	June 16, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1659	August 3, 1897	500 00		500 00	
1660	"	276 37		276 37	
		$2,776 37	$1,000 00		$1,776 37

Contract No. 959. Improvement Monticello Avenue, Fairmount to Orchard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1783	October 21, 1897.....	$321 39		$321 39	
		$321 39			$321 39

Assessment No. 81. Contract No. 960. Improvement Cator Avenue, Ocean to Old Bergen Road.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1104	December 12, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00	
1105	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1106	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1107	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1108	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1243	December 31, 1896...	500 00		500 00	
1244	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1245	" ...	267 81		267 81	
		$3,767 81			$3,767 81

Contract No. 961. Improvement Pavonia Avenue, S. to B.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issued.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
1159	December 17, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00
1160	" ...	500 00		500 00
1161	" ...	500 00		500 00
1162	" ...	500 00		500 00
1163	" ...	500 00		500 00
1164	" ...	500 00		500 00

1165	December 17, 1896...	$500 00	$500 00	
1166	"	500 00	500 00	
1167	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1168	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1169	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1170	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1171	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1172	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1173	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1174	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1246	December 31, 1896...	500 00	500 00	
1247	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1248	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1249	" ...	500 00	500 00	
1250	" ...	63 50	63 50	
		$10,063 50		$10,063 50

Assessment No. 95. Contract No. 962. Improvement Linden Avenue, Avenue E, to Ocean and Old Bergen Road to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1207	December 23, 1896..	$500 00	$500 00		
1208	" ...	500 00		$500 00	
1209	" ...	300 00		300 00	
1375	April 24, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1376	"	500 00		500 00	
1377	"	500 00		500 00	
1432	May 12, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1433	"	500 00		500 00	
1520	June 9, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1521	"	500 00		500 00	
1522	"	214 36		214 36	
		$5,014 36	$500 00		$4,514 36

Contract No. 963. Improvement St. Paul's Avenue, Summit to Tonnele.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
1434	May 12, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00
1490	June 4, 1897.....	500 00		500 00
1523	June 9, 1897.....	500 00		500 00
1563	June 23, 1897.....	500 00		500 00
1564	"	500 00		500 00
1621	June 30, 1897	500 00		500 00
1622	"	500 00		500 00

1661	July 30, 1897.....	$500 00	$500 00	
1717	September 2, 1897...	500 00	500 00	
1718	" ...	193 72	193 72	
		$4,693 72		$4,693 72

Contract No. 964. Opening and Extending Mercer Street, Improvement Church Street.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1175	December 17, 1896...	$500 00		$500 00	
1176	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1177	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1178	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1179	" ...	349 57		349 57	
1565	June 25, 1897.....	123 66		123 66	
		$2,473 23			$2,473 23

Contract No. 971. Improvement Highland Avenue, Boulevard to West Side.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1538	June 16, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1539	"	500 00		500 00	
1566	June 23, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1567	"	500 00		500 00	
1623	June 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1624	"	500 00		500 00	
1625	"	129 26		129 26	
		$3,129 26			$3,129 26

Contract No. 972. Sewer, West Side Avenue, Belmont to Duncan, Etc.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid	Amount Outstanding.
1355	April 7, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00
1378	April 24, 1897.....	500 00		500 00
1414	April 13, 1897.....	500 00		500 00
1435	May 12, 1897	500 00		500 00
1436	"	500 00		500 00
1463	May 27, 1897.....	500 00		500 00
1491	June 4, 1897.....	500 00		500 00
1524	June 9, 1897.....	500 00		500 00
1568	June 23, 1897.....	500 00		500 00
1569	"	500 00		500 00

1626	June 30, 1897.....	$500 00	$500 00	
1640	July 9, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1662	July 30, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1687	August 20, 1897.....	500 00	500 00	
1688	"	500 00	500 00	
1726	September 10, 1897..	500 00	500 00	
1727	" ..	483 55	483 55	
		$8,483 55		$8,483 55

Assessment No. 70. Contract No. 973. Sewer, Waverly Street, East of Oakland to Oakland.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1269	February 5, 1897....	$423 56		$423 56	
1652	July 27, 1897.....	22 29		22 29	
		$445 85			$445 85

Contract No. 975. Improvement Tuers Avenue, Newkirk to Vroom.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1251	December 31, 1896. ..	$500 00		$500 00	
1447	May 19, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1448	"	500 00		500 00	
1449	"	500 00		500 00	
1627	June 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1628	"	347 55		347 55	
		$2,847 55			$2,847 55

Assessment No. 76. Contract No. 976. Sewer, Broadway, Tonnele to West Side.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1356	April 7, 1897..... ..	$500 00		$500 00	
1415	April 13, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1416	"	162 85		162 85	
1792	October 27, 1897.....	61 20		61 20	
		$1,224 05			$1,224 05

Assessment No. 77. Contract No. 977. Sewer, Graham Street, East of Summit to Central.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1379	April 24, 1897.....	$477 94		$477 94	
		$477 94			$477 94

Assessment No. 78. Contract No. 978. Improvement Jones Street, Sip to Newkirk.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1417	April 13, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1418	"	500 00		500 00	
1419	"	500 00		500 00	
1420	"	500 00		500 00	
1421	"	6 89		6 89	
1803	November 19, 1897..	105 62		105 62	
		$2,112 51			$2,112 51

Assessment No. 87. Contract No. 979. Sewer, James Street, Howell Street, to Newark Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1422	April 13, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1540	June 19, 1897.....	62 40		62 40	
1818	November 24, 1897..	29 60		29 60	
		$592 00			$592 00

Contract No. 980. Sewer, Rose and Orient Avenues, Etc.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1450	May 19, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1492	June 4, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1629	June 30, 1897.....	498 08		498 08	
		$1,498 08			$1,498 08

Contract No, 981. Sewer, Central Avenue, Thorne to Bowers.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1464	May 27, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1647	July 15, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1719	September 2, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1720	" ...	220 50		220 50	
		$1,720 50			$1,720 50

Assessment No. 92. Contract No. 982. Improvement Glenwood Avenue, Bergen to West Side.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.
1465	May 27, 1897.....	$500 00	$500 00	
1466	"	500 00	500 00	
1467	"	500 00	500 00	
1468	"	500 00	500 00	
1469	"	500 00	500 00	
1470	"	500 00	500 00	
1471	"	500 00	500 00	
1472	"	500 00		$500 00
1473	"	500 00		500 00
1474	"	500 00		500 00
1475	"	500 00		500 00
1476	"	500 00		500 00
1477	"	500 00		500 00
1478	"	500 00		500 00
1479	"	500 00		500 00
1480	"	500 00		500 00
1493	June 4, 1897	500 00		500 00
1494	"	500 00		500 00
1495	"	500 00		500 00
1496	"	500 00		500 00
1497	"	500 00		500 00
1498	"	500 00		500 00
1499	"	500 00		500 00
1500	"	500 00		500 00
1501	"	500 00		500 00
1502	"	500 00		500 00
1503	"	500 00		500 00
1504	"	500 00		500 00
1541	June 19, 1897.....	500 00		500 00
1542	"	500 00		500 00
1543	"	500 00		500 00

1544	June 19, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1545	"	500 00		500 00	
1546	"	500 00		500 00	
1547	"	236 51		236 51	
		$17,236 51	$3,500 00		$13 736 51

Assessment No. 96. Contract No. 984. Sewer, Hoadley Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1451	May 19, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1452	"	500 00		500 00	
1453	"	500 00		500 00	
1454	"	500 00		500 00	
1455	"	500 00		500 00	
1525	June 9, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1526	"	123 07		123 07	
		$3,123 07			$3,123 07

Assessment No. 84. Contract No. 985. Sewer, Virginia Avenue, Boulevard and Ege.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1423	April 13, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1424	"	500 00		500 00	
1456	May 19, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1457	"	500 00		500 00	
1527	June 9, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1528	"	500 00		500 00	
1630	June 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1631	"	368 99		368 99	
		$3,868 99			$3,868 99

Contract No. 986. Improvement DeKalb Avenue, Boulevard to West Side.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1632	June 30, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1633	"	500 00		500 00	
1663	July 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1664	"	500 00		500 00	
1671	August 12, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
		$2,500 00			$2,500 00

Contract No. 990. Improvement Manning Avenue, Grant to Johnston.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1548	June 16, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1549	"	500 00		500 00	
1550	"	500 00		500 00	
1551	"	500 00		500 00	
1634	June 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1635	"	500 00		500 00	
1636	"	112 70		112 70	
		$3,112 70			$3,112 70

Contract No. 991. Improvement Newkirk Street, Sip to Summit, Etc.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1570	June 23, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1571	"	500 00		500 00	
1572	"	500 00		500 00	
1573	"	500 00		500 00	
1641	July 9, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1648	July 15, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1649	"	500 00		500 00	
1650	"	500 00		500 00	
1672	August 12, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1702	August 25, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1703	"	500 00		500 00	
1704	"	500 00		500 00	
1752	September 23, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1753	"	500 00		500 00	
1754	"	138 71		138 71	
		$7,138 71			$7,138 71

Assessment No. 88. Contract No. 992. Improvement Thirteenth Street, Coles to Jersey Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1574	June 23, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1575	"	500 00		500 00	
1576	"	500 00		500 00	
1637	June 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1638	"	500 00		500 00	
1639	"	453 91		453 91	
		$2,953 91			$2,953 91

Contract No. 993. Improvement Oxford Avenue, West Side to Marcy.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1673	August 12, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1705	August 25, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1728	September 10, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1755	September 23, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1807	November 19, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1808	" ..	322 86		322 86	
		$2,822 86			$2,822 86

Contract No. 994. Improvement Hancock Avenue, Congress to North.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1721	September 2, 1897...	$500 00		$500 00	
1722	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1723	" ...	500 00		500 00	
1729	September 10, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1768	October 7, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1769	"	359 21		359 21	
		$2,859 21			$2,859 21

Contract No. 995. Improvement Jewett Avenue, Bergen to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1674	August 12, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1675	"	500 00		500 00	
1706	August 25, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1724	September 2, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1725	" ...	472 21		472 21	
		$2,472 21			$2,472 21

Contract No. 996. Sewer, Sherman Avenue, Bowers, Griffith, &c.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1665	July 30, 1897	$500 00		$500 00	
1707	August 25, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1784	October 21, 1897	446 85		446 85	
		$1,446 85			$1,446 85

Contract No. 997. Sewer, Palisade Avenue, Newark, &c.

Certificate Number	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1676	August 12, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1746	September 16, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1793	October 27, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
		$1,500 00			$1,500 00

Contract No. 998. Improvement Leonard Street, Boulevard to Nelson.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1642	July 9, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1643	"	500 00		500 00	
1666	July 30, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1689	August 20, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1708	August 25, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1747	September 16, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1785	October 21, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1786	"	500 00		500 00	
1787	"	317 50		317 50	
		$4,317 50			$4,317 50

Contract No. 999. Improvement Pearsall Avenue, Boulevard to Morris Canal.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1795	November 4, 1897. ..	$500 00		$500 00	
1809	November 17, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1819	November 24, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
		$1,500 00			$1,500 00

Contract No. 1000. Improvement Runyon Avenue, Boulevard to Morris Canal.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1709	August 25, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1748	September 16, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1774	October 13, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1775	"	500 00		500 00	
		$2,000 00			$2,000 00

Contract No. 1001. Improvement Avenue E, South Side Brown Place to Cator.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1710	August 25, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1711	"	500 00		500 00	
1712	"	500 00		500 00	
1713	"	500 00		500 00	
1730	September 10, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1731	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1732	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1733	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1734	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1735	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1776	October 13, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1777	"	500 00		500 00	
1778	"	500 00		500 00	
		$6,500 00			$6,500 00

Contract No. 1002. Sewer, Germania Avenue, St. Paul's, &c.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1690	August 20, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1749	September 16, 1897..	172 27		172 27	
		$672 27			$672 27

Contract No. 1003. Sewer, Germania Avenue, North of St. Paul's to St. Paul's.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1761	September 30, 1897..	$500 00		$500 00	
1788	October 21, 1897....	190 32		190 32	
		$690 32			$690 32

Contract No. 1004. Sewer, Brunswick Street, Bright to York.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1653	July 21, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1750	September 16, 1897..	292 91		292 91	
		$792 91			$792 91

Contract No. 1005. Sewer, Canal Street, Jersey Avenue to Grove.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1677	August 12, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1691	August 20, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1736	September 10, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1737	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1756	September 23, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1757	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1758	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1789	October 21, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1790	"	191 84		191 84	
		$4,191 84			$4,191 84

Contract No. 1006. Sewer, Fifth Street, Brunswick, &c.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1692	August 20, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1751	September 16, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
		$1,000 00			$1,000 00

Contract No. 1008. Improvement Summit Avenue, Sherman Place to Laidlaw Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1762	September 30, 1897..	$500 00		$500 00	
1763	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1764	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1765	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1770	October 7, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1771	"	500 00		500 00	
1796	November 4, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1797	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1803	November 10, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1804	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1810	November 17, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
		$5,500 00			$5,500 00

Contract No. 1009. Improvement Boyd Avenue, Boulevard to West Side.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1667	August 4, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1668	"	500 00		500 00	
1678	August 12, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1679	"	500 00		500 00	
1693	August 20, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1694	"	500 00		500 00	
1695	"	500 00		500 00	
1772	October 7, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1773	"	275 18		275 18	
		$4,275 18			$4,275 18

Contract No. 1010. Improvement Boyd Avenue, Bergen to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1680	August 12, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1681	"	500 00		500 00	
1682	"	500 00		500 00	
1683	"	500 00		500 00	
1684	"	500 00		500 00	
1696	August 26, 1897.....	500 00		500 00	
1697	"	500 00		500 00	
1698	"	238 37		238 37	
		$3,738 37			$3,738 37

Contract No. 1011. Sewers, Morton Place, Orient, Claremont and Grant Avenues

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1699	August 20, 1897.....	$500 00		$500 00	
1700	"	500 00		500 00	
1701	"	500 00		500 00	
1738	September 10, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1739	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1766	September 30, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1767	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1791	October 21, 1897....	500 00		500 00	
1798	November 4, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1811	November 17, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
		$5,000 00			$5,000 00

Contract No. 1021. Improvement Leonard Street, Central to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1794	October 27, 1897....	$500 00		$500 00	
1799	November 4, 1897...	500 00		500 00	
1805	November 10, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1812	November 17, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1813	" ..	500 00		500 00	
		$2,500 00			$2,500 00

Contract No. 1023. Improvement Hutton Street, Boulevard to Summit.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1814	November 17, 1897 ..	$500 00		$500 00	
1815	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1820	November 24, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
1821	" ...	500 00		500 00	
		$2,000 00			$2,000 00

Contract No. 1025. Improvement Pine Street, Communipaw Avenue to N. & N. Y. R. R.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1817	November 17, 1897 ..	$500 00		$500 00	
		$500 00			$500 00

Contract No. 1027. Sewer, Union Street, West Side to Mallory Avenue.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1800	November 4, 1897...	$500 00		$500 00	
		$500 00			$500 00

Contract No. 1031. Sewer, Ege Avenue, Mallory, &c.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1817	November 17, 1897..	$500 00		$500 00	
1822	November 24, 1897..	500 00		500 00	
		$1,000 00			$1,000 00

Contract No. 1033. Improvement Church Street, Jordan to Bergen.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1823	November 24, 1897..	$500 00		$500 00	
1824	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1825	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1826	" ..	500 00		500 00	
1827	" ..	500 00		500 00	
		$2,500 00			$2,500 00

Contract No. 1034. Sewer, Henry Street, Waldo to Chestnut.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1806	November 10, 1897..	$500 00		$500 00	
		$500 00			$500 00

Total Amount Outstanding	$710,084 13
Total Amount Paid	144,285 57
Total Amount Issued	$854,369 70

EXHIBIT No. 37.

SIX YEAR 4½% IMPROVEMENT CERTIFICATES.

CHAPTER 166, LAWS OF NEW JERSEY, 1894.

Assessment No. 33. Contract No. 759. Improvement Randolph Avenue, from Carteret Avenue to N. & N. Y. R. R.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
1	December 17, 1894...	$500 00	$500 00		
2	December 26, 1894...	700 00	700 00		
3	February 7, 1895....	450 00		$450 00	
4	May 29, 1895.... ...	300 00		300 00	
5	June 27, 1895.....	526 89		526 89	
6	January 15, 1896	130 36		130 36	
		$2,607 25	$1,200 00		$1,407 25

Assessment No. 53. Contract No. 887. Improvement Gifford Place Bergen Avenue to Boulevard.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
7	September 4, 1896...	$1,000 00	$1,000 00		
8	" ...	1,000 00	1,000 00		
9	" ...	1,000 00	1,000 00		
10	" ...	1,000 00	1,000 00		
11	" ...	1,000 00	1,000 00		
12	" ...	1,000 00	1,000 00		
13	" ...	1,000 00	1,000 00		
14	" ...	977 53		$977 53	
		$7,977 53	$7,000 00		$977 53

Assessment No. 52. Contract No. 934. Improvement Crescent Avenue, Communipaw to Clinton.

Certificate Number.	Date of Issue.	Amount Issued.	Amount Paid.	Amount Outstanding.	
15	November 12, 1896 ..	$1,000 00	$1,000 00		
16	" ...	1,000 00		$1,000 00	
17	" ...	1,000 00		1,000 00	
18	November 25, 1896..	1,279 43		1,279 43	
		$4,279 43	$1,000 00		$3,279 43

Total Amount Outstanding.....	$5,664 21
Total Amount Paid.....	9,200 00
Total Amount Issued.....	$14,864 21

EXHIBIT No. 38.

ASSESSED VALUATIONS.

YEAR	REAL.	PERSONAL.	TOTAL.	RATE PER 1,000
1889.....	$70,891,705 00	$5,707,750 00	$76,599,455 00	$28 00
1890.....	73,059,265 00	5,898,150 00	78,957,415 00	26 40
1891.....	78,165,545 00	6,543,250 00	84,708,795 00	28 40
1892	77,914,145 00	7,104,450 00	85,018,595 00	28 40
1893.....	78,141,055 00	6,960,000 00	85,101,055 00	27 50
1894.....	80,196 375 00	6,918,395 00	87,114,770 00	27 50
1895.....	81,968,790 00	7,370,832 00	89,339,622 00	27 50
1896.....	81,542,550 00	7,478,126 00	89,020,676 00	27 40
1897.....	82,415,220 00	7,547,541 00	89,962,761 00	28 90

EXHIBIT No. 39.

CITY PROPERTY—GENERAL.

Police Department Buildings and Land:		
Police Headquarters, Block 170..	$45,000 00	
Second Precinct Station House, Block 248.....	25,000 00	
Third Precinct Station House, Block 527.....	20,000 00	
Fourth Precinct Station House, Block 415.....	15,000 00	
Fifth Precinct Station House, Block 1457.....	12,000 00	
		$117,000 00
Fire Department Buildings and Land:		
Fire Department Headquarters, Block 275.....	$10,000 00	
Engine Co. No. 1, Block 139.....	3,000 00	
Engine Co. No. 2, Block 132....	6,000 00	
Truck No. 1, Block 167.....	7,000 00	
Engine Co. No. 3, Block 238....	6,000 00	
Bell Tower, Newark Avenue, Block 204.....	15,000 00	
Engine Co. No 6, Block 185.....	4,000 00	
Truck No. 2, Block 217.....	5,000 00	
Engine Co. No. 5, Block 318....	3,000 00	
Engine Co. No. 4, Block 349....	4,000 00	
Engine Co. Nos. 7 and 12, Block 574.....	9,000 00	
Engine Co. No. 11, Block 821...	4,500 00	
Engine Co. No. 14 & 6th Precinct Station House, Block 746....	7,000 00	
Engine Co. No. 10, Block 473...	3,000 00	
Engine Co. No. 8, Block 663....	4,000 00	
Engine Co. No. 13, Block 1367..	3,000 00	
Truck No. 4, Block 1472.....	8,000 00	
Engine House, Central Avenue, Block 708½.....	1,500 00	
Engine House, Belmont Avenue, Block 359.....	2,500 00	
Engine Co. No. 9, Block 229, 231	5,000 00	
		110,500 00
Public School Buildings and Land:		
Old School No. 1, Block 102.....	$55,000 00	
School No. 2. Block 245.....	40,000 00	
School No. 3, Block 270.	35,000 00	
School No. 4, Block 214.....	45,000 00	

School No. 5, Block 241.....	$60,000 00	
School No. 6, Block 568.....	55,000 00	
School No. 7, Block 781.....	45,000 00	
School No. 8, Block 745.....	50,000 00	
School No. 9, Block 407.....	100,000 00	
School No. 10, Block 875..	20,000 00	
School No. 11, Block 75.....	28,000 00	
School No. 11 Annex, Block 143.	5,000 00	
School No. 12, Block 358.....	60,000 00	
School No. 13, Block 476.....	25,000 00	
School No. 14, Block 603.....	46,000 00	
School No. 15, Block 1324	70,000 00	
School No. 16, Block 412.....	12,000 00	
School No. 17, Block 381.....	4,000 00	
School No. 19, Block 408.....	5,000 00	
School No. 20 (Old), Block 1371 .	4,000 00	
School No. 20 (New), Block 1366.	45,000 00	
School No. 21, Block 288.....	40,000 00	
School No. 22, Block 496.....	45,000 00	
School No. 23, Block 20.....	65,000 00	
School No. 24, Block 623.....	50,000 00	
School No. 25, Block 929.....	75,000 00	
		$1,084,000 00
Miscellaneous:		
Part of Tide Water Basin, Block Part 60.....	$300,000 00	
State Grant, Block Part 60.....	700,000 00	
Block 64, Lot B....	10,000 00	
Old City Hall, Block 170.....	60,000 00	
New City Hall, Block 201.....	700,000 00	
Office Overseer of the Poor, Block 235.....	4,000 00	
Morgan Street Dock, Block 11...	100,000 00	
City Hospital, Block 218½ & 219.	40,000 00	
Bergen Point Plank Road, Block 563.....	2,000 00	
New York Bay, Block 1500.....	1,600 00	
		1,917,600 00
Parks and Squares:		
Washington Square, Blocks 68, 69, 100 and 101.....	$40,000 00	
Van Vorst Park Block 270½.....	125,000 00	
Hamilton Park, Blocks 282 to 285, 319 to 322.....	220,000 00	
		385,000 00
		$2,530,100 00

EXHIBIT No. 40.

NEW SITES.

For High School, Block 228.....	$15,000 00	
For School No. 17, Duncan Avenue, Block (New) 1827.....	7,0000 00	
For Public Library, Block 271.....	30,000 00	
For Park Bartholdi and Jackson Place, Block 1374...	26,000 00	
For Park, Garfield Avenue, Block 1466.....	22,000 00	
For Park, Ogden Avenue, Block 769.....	42,500 00	
		$142,500 00

EXHIBIT No. 41.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ACCOUNT.

NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

LIABILITIES.

To pay Six Year Improvement Certificates issued on account of the following :

Assessment Number	Contract Number	Name of Improvement.	
2	783	Improvement of Oak Street.....	$370 79
3	818	Improvement of Atlantic Street....	83 16
4	814	Improvement of Claremont Avenue	420 57
6	788	Improvement of Clerk Street.....	336 20
7	808	Improvement of Thorne Street....	481 39
8	807	Improvement of Sherman Avenue.	386 64
9	822	Improvement of Fairmount Avenue	274 60
10	825	Sewer, Ocean Avenue.....	341 34
12	817	Improvement of Ogden Avenue...	7 20
14	787	Improvement of Fourteenth Street.	90 29
15	806	Improvement of Sea View Avenue.	40 31
16	831	Improvement of Wilks Street.....	284 90
17	809	Sewer, Larch Avenue.....	356 16
18	854	Sewer, Marion Place.....	99 96
19	834	Improvement of Jersey Avenue ...	222 59
20	810	Sewer, Cambridge Avenue.....	156 62
21	811	Sewer, Summit Avenue.....	148 20
22	860	Improvement of Ege Avenue.....	81 60
23	837	Improvement of Montgomery Street	47 81
24	863	Sewer, Boyd Avenue.....	53 25
25	851	Improvement Union Street.....	133 39
26	862	Sewer, Harmon Street.....	324 20
27	824	Sewer, Garrison Avenue.....	324 26
28	796	Improvement of St. Paul's Avenue.	1,321 63
29	845	Improvement of Hancock Avenue.	65 06
30	846	Improvement of Lincoln Street....	562 03
31	871	Sewer, Fifteenth Street.....	5 10
33	759	Improvement Randolph Avenue...	130 77
34	868	Sewer, Ege Avenue.....	266 40
35	869	Sewer, Van Wagenen Avenue.....	316 82
36	881	Sewer, Randolph Avenue.....	79 46
37	870	Sewer, Kearney Avenue	101 60
38	864	Sewer, Columbia Avenue.....	332 93
39	866	Improvement Lake Street (Grading).	128 00
40	903	Improvement of Lake Street (Paving.....	400 00

41	823	Improvement of Van Winkle Street	$469 60
42	867	Improvement Oakland Avenue....	369 62
43	836	Improvement of Orchard Street...	37 02
44	915	Sewer, South Street	400 30
46	885	Sewer, Tonnele Avenue.....	217 60
49	833	Sewer, Nelson Avenue.....	324 96
50	891	Sewer, Leonard Street.....	226 00
52	934	Improvement Crescent Avenue....	468 88
53	887	Improvement of Gifford Place.....	279 29
54	904	Improvement of Fairview Avenue.	361 14
55	922	Improvemont of Claremont Avenue	374 30
56	910	Sewer, Duncan Avenue.....	345 00
60	919	Sewer, Cambridge Avenue.....	366 50
62	921	Improvement of Van Winkle Street	453 50
63	879	Sewer, Van Winkle Street.....	232 00
64	843	Improvement of Congress Street...	286 62
65	939	Improvement of Pavonia Avenue..	122 10
66	928	Improvement of Cottage Street....	278 04
67	945	Improvement of North Street.....	168 44
68	951	Improvement of Grace Street.....	75 00
10	973	Sewer, Waverly Street.....	90 35
72	883	Sewer, Sherman Place.....	25 00
74	916	Sewer, Pavonia Avenue.....	297 00
76	976	Sewer, Broadway.....	393 00
77	977	Sewer, Graham Street.....	151 55
78	978	Improvement of Jones Street.....	423 66
79	784	Improvement of Arlington Avenue	472 45
80	917	Sewer, Walker Avenue.....	681 59
81	960	Widening, etc., Cator Avenue.....	1,375 28
83	946	Improvement of Old Bergen Road.	848 00
84	985	Sewer, Virginia Avenue.....	5 40
85	953	Sewer, Bentley and Harrison Aves.	30 96
88	992	Improvement of Thirteenth Street.	169 25
89	941	Improvement of Reservoir Avenue	807 55
90	933	Improvement of Zabriskie Street...	298 70
91	950	Improvement of Hague Street.....	1,429 75
92	982	Improvement of Glenwood Avenue	1,632 97
95	962	Improvement of Linden Avenue...	853 21
96	984	Sewer, Hoadley Avenue.....	27 15
97	949	Improvement of Neptune Avenue.	244 05
			$24,888 01
Six Year Improvements Certificates for $500 each, called but not presented for payment.....			2,500 00
Interest earned on Six Year Improvement Certificates purchased.....			23 76
Interest Collections Sundry Improvements.....			4,640 43
Interest Collections Joint Outlet Sewer.....			361 25
			$32,413 45

RESOURCES.

Assessment Number	Contract Number	Name of Improvement		
1	726	Improvement of Berwick Place	$578	46
7	818	Improvement of Carnew Avenue	412	98
11	828	Sewer, St. Paul's Avenue	28	67
24	805	Improvement of Brown Place	62	66
32	789	Improvement of Passage Avenue	36	54
45	806	Sewer, Central Avenue	50	26
47	785	Improvement of Virginia Avenue	159	49
48	787	Improvement of Cambridge Avenue	73	16
51	804	Sewer, Bay View Avenue	29	52
57	824	Sewer, Myrtle Avenue	229	90
58	803	Sewer, Ogden and Bleecker Ave.	241	69
59	807	Sewer, Irving Street	21	58
61	809	Improvement of Preston Place	98	82
69	825	Sewer, Thorne Street	9	09
71	808	Main Branch Sewer, West Side Ave.	14	60
73	845	Improvement of Winfield Avenue	139	40
75	829	Sewer, Clark Avenue	145	98
83	846	Improvement of Garrison Avenue	360	47
86	851	Sewer, Tecumseh Avenue	284	47
87	870	Sewer, James Avenue	187	34
93	848	Improvement of Arlington Avenue	197	80
94	849	Improvement of Clinton Avenue	344	60
			$6,284	22
Paid Joint Outlet Sewer Bonds		$23,000 00		
Joint Outlet Sewer Collections		14,769 46		
			4,230	46
Cash on hand			26,887	93
				$32,411 45

EXHIBIT No. 42.

SPECIAL GENERAL ACCOUNT.

NOVEMBER 30, 1898.

LIABILITIES.

Redemption of Lots—Adjusted	$3,985 58	
To pay 4% Redemption of Land Bonds:		
Account Adjusted Taxes, &c	11,497 37	
Account 1889 Taxes	991 91	
To pay Interest on 4% Redemption of Land Bonds:		
Account Adjusted Taxes	42,634 66	
Account 1889 Taxes	440 33	
Account 1888 Taxes	203 28	
Expenses returned	20,907 55	
To pay 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds	2,620 58	
To pay Interest on same	3,203 39	
Rents collected	2,080 92	
To pay Interest on Liquor License Bonds	10 00	
Deposits: Sale of October, 1894	350 00	
Sale of January, 1895	85 00	
Sale of March, 1896	913 20	
Sale of June, 1897	7,285 00	
Interest on Six Year Certificates purchased	136 49	
To pay subsequent Taxes	13,991 03	
		$111,336 29

RESOURCES.

Advanced—Interest on Bonds	$4,443 56	
Advanced—Interest on Certificates	578 97	
Advanced—Account Bonds 1888 Taxes	608 40	
Deficiency: Sale of October, 1894	5,232 84	
Sale of January, 1895	13,949 54	
Sale of March, 1896	19,095 98	
Sale of June, 1897	52,884 63	
Cash on hand	14,542 37	
		111,336 29
Ledger Balance	$14,542 37	
Warrants Outstanding	13 86	
Bank Balance	$14,556 23	

EXHIBIT No. 43

WATER ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$259,760 57
From Water Rents, 1897	$353,697 06		
From Water Rents, 1896	62,377 24		
From Water Rents, 1895	14,649 55		
From Water Rents, 1894	4,290 21		
From Water Rents, 1893	1,257 97		
From Water Rents, 1892	666 90		
From Water Rents, 1891	251 31		
From Water Rents, 1890	196 22		
From Water Rents, 1889	94 50		
From Water Rents, 1888	94 70		
From Adjusted Water Rents	14,241 17		
		$451,816 83	
From Interest	$5,051 53		
From Penalty	3,693 36		
From Measured Water	326,502 79		
From Special Water	193 10		
From Water Permits	13,868 79		
From Assessment and Extension, Sale of Old Furniture	102 35		
From Pumping and Reservoir, Sale of Old Material and Returned Insurance	197 40		
		349,609 32	
			801,426 15
Total			$1,061,186 72

EXHIBIT No. 44.

WATER ACCOUNT.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Water Rents, Returned, paid in error :		
Water Rents, 1892	$19 00	
Water Rents, 1893	21 65	
Water Rents, 1894	9 27	
Water Rents, 1895	33 84	
Water Rents, 1896	234 90	
Water Rents, 1897	293 07	
Interest	1 03	
Penalty	57	
		$613 33
Assessments and Extensions	$155 009 37	
Engineers and Firemen at Belleville	15,884 01	
Engineers and Firemen at High Service	9,617 03	
Pumping and Reservoir	18,016 50	
Temporary Water Supply	480,175 09	
		678,702 00
Interest on Water Account Debt :		
December, 1896, Interest	$8,750 00	
January, 1897, Interest	51,852 50	
February, 1897, Interest	14,625 00	
March, 1897, Interest	19,145 00	
April, 1897, Interest	42,650 00	
May, 1897, Interest	19,635 00	
June, 1897, Interest	8,750 00	
July, 1897, Interest	51,852 50	
August, 1897, Interest	14,625 00	
September, 1897, Interest	19,145 00	
October, 1897, Interest	42,650 00	
November, 1897, Interest	19,635 00	
		313,315 00
To Sinking Funds, 1897–1898 :		
To Pay $586,000 5% Water Bonds due April 1, 1916	$14,000 00	
To Pay $350,000 5% Water Bonds due June 1, 1921	7,000 00	
To Pay $248,000 5% Water Bonds due January 2, 1922	5,000 00	
To Pay $200,000 5% Water Bonds due January 2, 1923	4,000 00	
To Pay $179,000 4½% Water Bonds due January 2, 1925	3 600 00	
		33,600 00

Total Amount of Warrants issued December 1, 1896 to November 30, 1897		$1,026,230 33
Amount of Warrants issued previous to December 1, 1896, Outstanding at that date		2,691 73
		$1,028,922 06
Amount of Warrants Outstanding November 30, 1897		5,522 47
Total Amount Warrants Paid during Fiscal year	$1,023,399 59	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897	37,788 13	
Grand Total		$1,061,186 72

EXHIBIT No. 45.

BONDED WATER DEBT, DECEMBER 1, 1897.

ISSUED.	RATE OF INTEREST.	INTEREST PAYABLE.	COUPON OR REGISTERED.	YEAR DUE.	AMOUNT.	
1869	7%	Jan. & July.	Coupon & Registered.	January 1, 1899.	$100,000 00	
1870	7%	Jan. & July.	"	January 1, 1902.	375,000 00	
1872	7%	Apr. & Oct.	"	April 1, 1902.	800,000 00	
1872	7%	Mch. & Sept.	"	September 1, 1902.	500,000 00	
1874	7%	Jan. & July.	"	January 1, 1904.	250,000 00	
1876	7%	Jan. & July.	Registered.	January 1, 1906.	60,000 00	
1876	7%	May & Nov.	"	November 1, 1906.	61,000 00	
1877	6%	Jan. & July.	Coupon & Registered.	July 1, 1907.	255,000 00	
1878	7%	Mch & Sept.	Registered.	March 26, 1908.	47,000 00	
1879	6%	Feb. & Aug.	Coupon & Registered.	February 1, 1909.	50,000 00	
1879	6%	Jan. & July.	"	July 1, 1909.	50,000 00	
1883	5%	Feb. & Aug.	"	February 1, 1913	525,000 00	
1873	7%	May & Nov.	"	May 1, 1913.	500,000 00	
1891	5%	Apr. & Oct.	"	April 1, 1916.	586,000 00	
1891	5%	June & Dec.	"	June 1, 1921.	350,000 00	
1892	5%	Jan. & July.	"	January 2, 1922.	248,000 00	
1893	5%	Jan. & July.	"	January 2, 1923.	200,000 00	
1895	4½%	Jan. & July.	Registered.	January 2, 1925.	179,000 00	
						$5,136,000 00
Amount of Water Sinking Funds						$434,095 35

REPORT

—OF—

The Sinking Fund Commission,

DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

To the Honorable Board of Finance:

GENTLEMEN:—The undersigned, Sinking Fund Commission of Jersey City, have the honor to submit the following Report of the Receipts and Disbursements of the several Sinking Funds for the Fiscal Year ending November 30, 1897. The cash balance on hand December 1, 1896, was $88,705.64, the aggregate receipts of the funds for the year were $1,142,815.92 and the aggregate disbursements for the same period were $1,142,085.08, leaving a cash balance on hand of $89,436.48, a detailed statement of which receipts and disbursements is hereto attached.

FRANK J. MATHEWS,
JAMES G. HASKING,
ROBERT McANDREW,
} Commissioners of the Sinking Fund.

FRANK P. VAN SAUN, CLERK.

SINKING FUND, 1873.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1896			$1,073 00
From Adjusted Taxes 1872 and previous years	$51 86		
From Adjusted Taxes 1873 and 1874	434 82		
		$486 68	
From Trade Licenses		8,781 30	
From First and Second Criminal Court Fines		3,513 17	
From 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, account Taxes 1894, due on demand	$9,000 00		
From 4% Temporary Loan Bond, due December 1, 1896	300 00		
From 7% Funded Debt Bonds due May 1, 1897	25,000 00		
From 4½% Engine House Bond due December 28, 1903	4,000 00		
From 4% City Hall Bond due February 1, 1903	2,000 00		
From 4% Redemption of Land Bonds due Option of City	7 000 00		
From 4% Temporary Loan Bond due on Demand	1,000 00		
From Six Year Improvement Certificates called	1,500 00		
From 6% Jersey City, due April 1, 1904.	3 000 00		
From 4% Temporary Loan Bond due on Demand	2,000 00		
From 7% Water Bonds due January 1, 1902	2 000 00		
From 7% Morgan Street Dock Bonds due June 8, 1900	1,000 00		
From 6% Jersey City Bond due June 1, 1910	1 000 00		
From 5% Assessment Gold Bond due May 1, 1924	2,000 00		
		60,800 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		3,189 87	
From Sinking Fund January 1, 1897, to close		445 26	
From Interest on Deposits Sinking Funds		481 13	
From Transfer from Liquor License Account		15,000 00	
			92,697 41
Total			$93,770 41

SINKING FUND, 1873.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Transferred to City Treasury Bond Account to pay 4% Temporary Loan Bond, due December 1, 1896		$300 00	
Purchased 7% Funded Debt Bonds, due May 1, 1897	$12,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificate	20,804 20		
Purchased 4% Temporary Loan Bonds due on demand	5,055 60		
		37,859 80	
Transferred to City Treasury Bond Account to pay 7% Funded Debt Bonds, due May 1, 1897		50,000 00	
Paid Premium and Interest on Bonds Purchased		236 12	
Trade License returned		5 00	
			$88,400 92
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1897			5,369 49
Grand Total			$93,770 41

TAX ARREARAGE FUND.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$3,475 44
From Adjusted Taxes, 1875 to 1887		$8,018 90	
From Adjusted Interest		11,011 71	
From 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates		11,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		103 07	
			30,133 68
Total			$33,609 12

TAX ARREARAGE FUND.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Transfer to City Treasury, Special General, to pay interest due April 1, 1997, on 3½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1875 to 1887	$7,717 50		
Transfer to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due October 1, 1897, on 3½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1875 to 1887	7,717 50		
		$15,435 00	
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates		11,000 00	
			$26,435 00
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			7,174 12
Grand Total			$33,609 12

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1888.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$1,626 60
From Taxes, 1888	$17 88		
From Interest Taxes, 1888	15 96		
From Adjusted Taxes, 1888	3,522 41		
		$3,556 25	
From 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates		4,224 78	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		102 48	
			7,883 51
Total			$9,510 11

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1888.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	$4,224 78	
Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due October 1, 1897, on 4% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1888	4,900 00	
		$9,124 78
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1897		385 33
Grand Total		$9,510 11

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1889.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896		$7,587 46
From Adjusted Taxes, 1889	$11,995 52	
From 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates (Called)	1,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities	1,832 64	
		14,828 16
Total		$22,415 62

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1889.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due January 1, 1897 on Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1889	$1,511 65		
Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due July 1, 1897 on Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1889	2,261 25		
		$3,772 80	
Purchased 4% Fire Department Bond due June 1, 1909	$4,000 00		
Purchased 4% Station House Bond due February 15, 1910	1,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	10,833 47		
		15,833 47	
			$19,606 27
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			2,809 25
Grand Total			$22,415 52

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1890.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$34,192 22
From Taxes, 1890	$443 66		
From Interest, Taxes 1890	282 74		
		$726 40	
From Adjusted Taxes, 1890		14,680 58	
From 4% Temporary Loan Bond, Account Taxes 1894, due on Demand	$10,000 00		
From 7% Water Bond, due January 1, 1902	28,000 00		
From 5% General Bond, due January 2, 1922	4,000 00		
From 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, Account 1888, due Option of City.	3,000 00		
From 4% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1889, due July 1, 1898	24,000 00		
From 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of City	15,000 00		
From 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, Account 1889, due Option of City	12,000 00		
From 4% City Hall Bonds, due February 1, 1903	5,000 00		
From 4% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1888, due October 1, 1898.	70,000 00		
From 7% Funded Debt Bond, due May 1, 1897	1,000 00		
From 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1893, due January 1, 1900.	56,000 00		
		228,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		8,490 94	
			251,897 92
Total			$286,090 14

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1890.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due January 1, 1897, on 5% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1890....	$10,850 00		
Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due July 1, 1897, on 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1890.....	3,825 00		
		$14,675 00	
Transferred to City Treasury, Bond Account, to pay like amount 5% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1897.....		264,000 00	
Purchased 4% Station House Bonds, due February 15, 1910.....	$3,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates.....	2,660 96		
		5,660 96	
Paid by General Account in error.....		15 42	
			$284,351 38
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897.....			1,738 76
Grand Total.....			$286,090 14

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1891.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$7,994 11
From Taxes, 1891	$1,582 94		
From Interest Taxes, 1891	544 49		
From Adjusted Taxes, 1891	26,883 50		
		$29,010 93	
From 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Taxes 1894, due on Demand	$15,000 00		
From 4% Redemption of Land Bonds Adjusted, due Option of City	10,000 00		
From 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, Account 1889, due Option of City	1,000 00		
		26,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		7,660 45	
			62,671 38
Total			$70,665 49

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1891.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896, TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due January 1, 1897, on Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1891	$9,225 00		
Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due July 1, 1897, on Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1891	9,225 00		
		$18,450 00	
Purchased 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of City	$15,000 00		
Purchased 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, Adjusted Bonds, due Option of City	12,000 00		
Purchased 4% City Hall Bonds, due February 1, 1903	2,000 00		
Purchased 4% Station House Bonds, due February 15, 1910	3,500 00		
Purchased 4% Temporary Loan Bond, due December 1, 1898	4,225 98		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	12,000 00		
		48,725 98	
Paid Premium and Interest on Bonds Purchased		1,080 00	
			$68,255 98
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			2,409 51
Grand Total			$70,665 49

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1892.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$8,015 52
From Taxes, 1892	$4,843 85		
From Interest, Taxes 1892	1,854 59		
From Adjusted Taxes, 1892	35,455 21		
		$42,153 65	
From 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Taxes, 1894, due Option of City		21,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		10,165 12	
			73,318 77
Total			$81,334 29

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1892.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due January 1, 1897, on Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1892	$9,270 00		
Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due July 1, 1897, on Tax Arrearge Bonds, Account Taxes, 1892	9,270 00		
		$18,540 00	
Purchased 7% Water Bonds, due January 1, 1902	$28,000 00		
Purchased 5% General Bonds, due January 2, 1922	4,000 00		
Purchased 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, due Option of City	3,000 00		
Purchased 4% Fire Department Bond, due June 1, 1909	6,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	15,265 76		
		56,265 76	
Paid Premium and Interest on Bonds Purchased		3,420 00	
			78,225 76
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			3,108 53
Grand Total			$81,334 29

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1893.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$9,067 09
From Taxes, 1893	$19,044 16		
From Interest Taxes, 1893	6,185 26		
From Adjusted Taxes, 1893	51,246 65		
		$76,476 07	
From 4% Temporary Loan Bonds Account Taxes 1894, due on demand	$15,000 00		
From 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, Land School No. 8, due December 1, 1896	1,554 25		
From 7% Funded Debt Bond due May 1, 1897	5,000 00		
		21,554 25	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		4,232 84	
			102,263 16
Total			$111,330 25

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1893.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due January 1, 1897, on Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1893.....	$7,312 50	
Transferred to City Treasury, Special General, to pay Interest due July 1, 1897, on Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1893.....	7,312 50	
		$14,625 00
Purchased 4% Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes 1889, due July 1, 1898.....	$13,000 00	
Purchased 4% City Hall Bonds, due February 1, 1904.....	4,000 00	
Purchased 4% City Hall Bonds, due February 1, 1905.....	10,000 00	
Purchased 4% City Hall Bonds, due February 1, 1906.....	10,000 00	
Purchased 4% City Hall Bonds, due February 1, 1907.....	10,000 00	
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates.....	5,957 89	
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bonds, due July 1, 1898.....	800 00	
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bonds, due July 1, 1899.....	3,800 00	
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bonds, due July 1, 1900.....	3,800 00	
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bonds, due July 1, 1901.....	3,800 00	
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bonds, due July 1, 1902.....	3,800 00	
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bonds, due July 1, 1903.....	3,800 00	
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bonds, due July 1, 1904.....	3,800 00	
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bonds, due July 1, 1905.....	3,800 00	
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bonds, due July 1, 1906.....	3,800 00	
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bonds, due July 1, 1907.....	3,800 00	
		87,957 87

Premium and Interest on Bonds Purchased	$520 00	
Paid by General Account in Error	6 50	
Taxes, 1893, returned	12 37	
Interest Taxes, 1893, returned	4 72	
		$103,126 48
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		8,203 77
Grand Total		$111,330 25

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 1.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$6,785 05
From 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Taxes 1894, due on Demand	$35,000 00		
From 4% Police Department Bonds, due January 1, 1897	5,000 00		
From 4% Police Department Bonds, due January 1, 1896	5,000 00		
From 7% Funded Debt, due May 1, 1897	9,000 00		
From 4% Subsequent Tax, due Option of City	5,000 00		
		$59,000 00	
From Appropriation, 1896 and 1897		4,500 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		4,684 23	
			68,184 23
Total			$74,969 28

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 1.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4½% Tax Arrearage, Account Tax, 1893, due January 1, 1900	$56,000 00		
Purchased 4% Tax Arrearage, Account Tax, 1888, due October 1, 1898	5,000 00		
Purchased 4% Fire Department Bond, due June 1, 1909	1,000 00		
Purchased 4% Subsequent Tax Bond, due Option of City	5,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	2,419 64		
		$69,419 64	
Paid Premium and Interest on Bonds Purchased		50 00	
			$69,469 64
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			5,499 64
Grand Total			$74,969 28

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 2.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$580 28
From Appropriation 1896 and 1897		$13,500 00	
From 7% Funded Debt Bond, due May 1, 1897	$1,000 00		
From 4% Redemption of Lands Bonds, due Option of City	55,871 52		
From 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of City	14,000 00		
		70,871 52	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		12,150 67	
			96,522 19
Total			$97,102 47

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 2.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4% Fire Department Bond, due June 1, 1909	$1,000 00		
Purchased 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of City	14,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	67,425 56		
		$82,425 56	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		14,676 91	
Grand Total			$97,102 47

SINKING FUND, 1889, No. 1.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$69 88
From Appropriation, 1896 and 1897		$30,000 00	
From 4% Engine House Bond, due January 1, 1897	$3,000 00		
From 4% Armory Bonds, due January 1, 1897	1,000 00		
From 7% Funded Debt Bonds, due May 1, 1897	8,000 00		
From 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates (Called)	3,500 00		
		15,500 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		5,671 53	
			51,171 53
Total			$51,241 41

SINKING FUND, 1889, No. 1.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 6% Jersey City Bond, due April 1, 1904	$3,000 00		
Purchased 4% Temporary Loan, Account Taxes, 1894, due on Demand	2,000 00		
Purchased 7% Water Bond, due January 1, 1902	2,000 00		
Purchased 7% Morgan Street Dock Bond, due June 1, 1900	1,000 00		
Purchased 6% Funded Debt Bond, due June 1, 1910	1,000 00		
Purchased 5% Assessment Gold Bond, due May 1, 1924	2,000 00		
Purchased 4% Temporary Loan Bond, due December 10, 1897	22,170 07		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	11,927 99		
		$45,098 06	
Paid Premium and Interest on Bonds Purchased		1,330 00	
			$46,428 06
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			4,813 35
Grand To al			$51,241 41

SINKING FUND, JANUARY 1, 1897.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$2,245 26
From Appropriation, 1896 and 1897		$1,000 00	
From 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Taxes 1894, due on Demand	$2,000 00		
From 4% Temporary Loan Bond, Supplement Appropriation, Street and Water Board	1,200 00		
From 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, due Option of City	1,000 00		
		4,200 00	
			5,200 00
Total			$7,445 26

SINKING FUND, JANUARY 1, 1897.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Transferred to City Treasury, Bond Account, to pay like amount 4% Engine House Bonds, due January 1, 1897	$7,000 00	
Transferred to Sinking Fund, 1873, to close	445 26	
Grand Total		$7,445 26

SINKING FUND, JULY 24, 1901.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896		$137 80
From Appropriation 1896 and 1897	$1,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities	104 19	
		1,104 19
Total		$1,241 99

SINKING FUND, JULY 24, 1901.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	$1,140 83	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897	101 16	
Grand Total		$1,241 99

SINKING FUND, SEPTEMBER 10, 1902.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

From Appropriation, 1896–1897	$1,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities.....	26 00	
Total.....		$1,026 00

SINKING FUND, SEPTEMBER 10, 1902.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificate	$1,000 00	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897.....	26 00	
Grand Total.....		$1 026 00

SINKING FUND, APRIL 1, 1916.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$647 22
From Appropriation, 1896 and 1897		$15,000 00	
From 4% Temporary Loan Bond, Account Taxes 1894, due on Demand	$65,000 00		
From 4% Temporary Loan, Purchase Property adjoining School No. 24	600 00		
From 7% Funded Debt, due May 1, 1897	1,000 00		
		66,600 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		8,384 16	
			89,984 16
Total			$90,631 38

SINKING FUND, APRIL 1, 1916.

DISBURSEMENTS. DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4% Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1888, due October 1, 1898	$65,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Engine House Bond, due December 1, 1903	3,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	782 21		
Purchased 4% Street Lighting Bond, due July 1, 1898	3,000 00		
		$71,782 21	
Paid Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		650 00	
			$72,432 21
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			18,199 17
Grand Total			$90,631 38

SINKING FUND, JANUARY 2, 1922.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$768 91
From Appropriation 1896 and 1897		$15,000 00	
From 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Taxes 1894, due on Demand	$6,000 00		
From 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates (Called)	500 00		
		6,500 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		1,996 93	
			23,496 93
Total			$24,265 84

SINKING FUND, JANUARY 2, 1922.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4½% Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes 1889, due July 1, 1898	$5,000 00		
Purchased 4% Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes 1888, due October 1, 1898	1,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Engine House Bonds, due December 28, 1903	1,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	16,000 00		
		$23,000 00	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		1,265 94	
Grand Total			$24,265 94

SINKING FUND, SEPTEMBER 1, 1923.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$929 16
From Appropriation, 1896 and 1897		$14,000 00	
From 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of City	$14,000 00		
From 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates (Called)	500 00		
		14,500 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		1,053 25	
			29,553 25
Total			$30,482 41

SINKING FUND, SEPTEMBER 1, 1923.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of City	$14,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	15,377 07		
		$29,377 07	
Paid Premium and Interest on Bonds Purchased		103 07	
			$29,480 14
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			1,002 27
Grand Total			$30,482 41

SINKING FUND, MAY 1, 1924.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896		$848 31
From Appropriation 1896 and 1897	$12 000 00	
From 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of City	5,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities	861 17	
		17,861 17
Total		$18,709 48

SINKING FUND, MAY 1, 1924.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of City	$5,000 00		
Purchased 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, due December 10, 1897	5,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	3,106 98		
		$13,106 98	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		5,602 50	
Grand Total			$18,709 48

SINKING FUND, MAY 1, 1927.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

From Premium and Interest on $450,000 Funded Debt Bonds, due May 1, 1927	$33,885 00
Total	$33,885 00

SINKING FUND, MAY 1, 1927.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4% Fire Salaries Bonds, due January 1, 1898	$12,375 09	
Purchased 4% Fire Salaries Bonds, due January 1, 1899	12,375 08	
Purchased 4% Temporary Loan, due on Demand (Interest Six Year Improvement Certificates)	7,000 00	
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	2,000 00	
		$33,750 17
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		134 83
Grand Total		$33,885 00

WATER SINKING FUND.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1896		$79 63
From Appropriation 1896 and 1897	$12,000 00	
From 4% Engine House Bond, due Jannary 1, 1897	4,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities	7,786 44	
		23,786 44
Total		$23,866 07

WATER SINKING FUND.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4½% Tax Arrearage, Account Taxes 1889, due July 1, 1898	$6,000 00		
Purchased 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, due on Demand	1,000 00		
Purchased 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, due Option of City	7,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	8,395 03		
		$22,395 03	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		1,471 04	
Grand Total			$23,866 07

WATER SINKING FUND, 1916.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896		$769 98
From Appropriation, 1896 and 1897	$14,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities	4,150 04	
		18,150 04
Total		$18,920 02

WATER SINKING FUND, 1916.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4% City Hall Bond, due February 1, 1903	$2,000 00		
Purchased 4% Temporary Loan Bond, due December 1, 1897	10,181 44		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	5,828 80		
		$18,010 24	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		909 78	
Grand Total			$18,920 02

WATER SINKING FUND, 1921.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury December 1, 1896			$150 29
From Appropriation 1896 and 1897		$7,000 00	
From 4% Subsequent Tax Bonds, due Option of City	$2,000 00		
From 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates (Called)	1,000 00		
		3,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		1,731 29	
			11,731 29
Total			$11,881 58

WATER SINKING FUND, 1921.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, due December 1, 1897	$5,046 05		
Purchased 4% Subsequent Tax Bond, due Option of City	2,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	1,500 00		
		$8,546 05	
Balance in City Treasury November 30, 1897		3,335 53	
Grand Total			$11,881 58

WATER SINKING FUND, 1922.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896			$877 70
From Appropriation, 1896 and 1897	$5,000 00		
From 4% Temporary Loan Bond, Account Taxes 1894, due on Demand	1,000 00		
From 4% Redemption of Land Bonds, due Option of City	10,012 73		
From 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	500 00		
		$16,512 73	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities		1,446 65	
			17,959 38
Total			$18,837 08

WATER SINKING FUND, 1922.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4% Redemption of Land, Account Taxes, 1888, due Option of City	$1,000 00		
Purchased 4% Redemption of Land, Adjusted, due Option of City	5,060 09		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	11,769 00		
		$17,829 09	
Paid Premium and Interest on Bonds Purchased		76 14	
			$17,905 23
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897			931 85
Grand Total			$18,837 08

WATER SINKING FUND, 1923.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896		$551 34
From Appropriation 1896 and 1897	$4,000 00	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities	539 83	
		4,539 83
Total		$5,091 17

WATER SINKING FUND, 1923.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4% City Hall Bonds, due due February 1, 1903	$2,000 00		
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	3,000 00		
		$5,000 00	
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		91 17	
Grand Total			$5,091 17

WATER SINKING FUND, 1925.

RECEIPTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Balance in City Treasury, December 1, 1896		$233 39
From Appropriation, Fiscal Years 1896 and 1897	$3,600 00	
From Premium on $179,000 4½% Water Bonds	9,164 80	
From Premium and Interest on Bonds and Securities	201 50	
		$12,966 30
Total		$13,199 69

WATER SINKING FUND, 1925.

DISBURSEMENTS, DECEMBER 1, 1896 TO NOVEMBER 30, 1897.

Purchased 4% Temporary Loan Bonds, due on Demand	$12,696 39	
Purchased 4½% Six Year Improvement Certificates	326 72	
		$13,023 11
Balance in City Treasury, November 30, 1897		176 58
Grand Total		$13,199 69

Securities Held by the Sinking Fund Commission of Jersey City, December 1, 1897.

FUND, 1873.

For the Redemption of any Bonds of Jersey City. Fund has its growth from one-quarter (¼) of the Receipts for Liquor Licenses; all the Receipts for Vender's, Cartmen's, Auctioneers' and Junk Licenses: all the Receipts for Fines and Receipts for Taxes, for the Years prior to 1875.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$19,304 20	
Temporary Loan (Awards Damages Runyon Ave.)	4 "	Demand.	824 50	
Temporary Loan (Awards Damages Pearsall Ave.)	4 "	Demand.	4,231 10	
Improvement Bond	7 "	June 1, 1905.	1,000 00	
				$25,359 80
Cash				5,369 49
				$30,729 29

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1875 TO 1887.

To Pay Tax Arrearage Bonds, issued Account of Taxes 1875 to 1887, inclusive, and Interest. Fund has growth from Receipts of Taxes for the years 1875 to 1887, inclusive, and the Interest on same.

SECURITIES	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Cash.....	.....	.....	.....	$7,174 12

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1888.

To Pay $245,000 4% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due October 1, 1898, and Interest. Fund has its growth from Receipts of Taxes of the Year 1888 and Interest on same.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Cash.....	.....	.....	.....	$385 33

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1889.

To Pay $100,500 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due July 1, 1898, and Interest. Fund has its growth from Receipts of Taxes for the Year 1889 and the Interest on same.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$9,833 47	
Temporary Loan Bond, Account Taxes, 1894	4 "	Demand.	5,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond	4 "	Demand.	11,406 39	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	29,000 00	
Water Bond	7 "	September 1, 1902.	3,000 00	
Fire Department	4 "	June 1, 1909.	4,000 00	
Station House	4 "	February 15, 1910.	1,000 00	
				$63,239 86
Cash				2,809 25
				$66,049 11

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1890.

To Pay $170,000 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, January 1, 1899, and Interest. Fund has its growth from Receipts of Taxes of the Year 1890, and the Interest on same.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$2,660 96	
Station House	4 "	February 15, 1910.	3,000 00	
				$5,660 96
Cash				1,738 76
				$7,399 72

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1891.

To Pay $410,000 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1898, and Interest. Fund has its growth from Receipts of Taxes of the Year 1891, and the Interest on same.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$12,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond	4 "	Demand.	2,433 94	
Subsequent Tax Bond	4 "	Option of City.	46,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes 1888	4 "	Option of City.	5,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes 1889	4 "	Option of City.	34,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Acc't Adjusted Taxes	4 "	Option of City.	44,500 00	
Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1891	4½ "	January 1, 1898.	70,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	9,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Judgments	4 "	December 1, 1898.	4,225 98	
Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1893	4½ "	January 1, 1900.	23,000 00	
Engine House Bond	4½ "	July 24, 1901.	8,000 00	
New City Hall Bond	4 "	February 1, 1902.	2,000 00	
New City Hall Bond	4 "	February 1, 1903.	5,000 00	
Station House Bond	4 "	February 15, 1910.	3,500 00	
Assessment (Gold) Bond	5 "	September 1, 1923.	7,000 00	
Assessment (Gold) Bond	5 "	May 1, 1924.	5,000 00	
				$280,659 92
Cash				2,409 51
				$283,069 43

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1892.

To Pay $412,000 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due May 10, 1899, and Interest. Fund has its growth from Receipts of Taxes of the Year 1892, and the Interest on same.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$15,265 76	
Redemption of Land Bonds	4 "	Option of City.	33,137 87	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	Option of City.	6,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes, 1889	4 "	Option of City.	20,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	2,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1892	4½ "	May 10, 1899	1,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1893	4½ "	January 1, 1900.	132,000 00	
Water Bond	7 "	January 1, 1902.	46,000 00	
New City Hall Bond	4 "	February 1, 1902.	8,000 00	
Water Bond	7 "	April 1, 1902.	10,000 00	
Funded Debt Bond	6 "	February 1, 1909.	1,000 00	
Fire Department Bond	4 "	June 1, 1909.	6,000 00	
General Bond	5 "	January 2, 1922.	11,000 00	
				$291,403 63
Cash				3,108 53
				$294,512 16

TAX ARREARAGE FUND, 1893.

To Pay $325,000 4½% Tax Arrearage Bonds, due January 1, 1900, and Interest. Fund has its growth from Receipts of Taxes of the Year 1893, and the Interest on same.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$5,957 89	
Temporary Loan Bond (South Cove)	4 "	Demand.	5,341 72	
Temporary Loan Bond, Extension Jackson Ave.	4 "	Demand.	2,450 00	
Subsequent Tax Bond	4 "	Option of City.	9,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1889	4 "	Option of City.	13,000 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1898.	800 00	
Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	6,000 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1899.	3,800 00	
Tax Arrearage Bonds, Account Taxes, 1893	4½ "	January 1, 1900.	30,000 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1900.	3,800 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1901.	3,800 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1902.	3,800 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1903.	3,800 00	
City Hall Bonds	4 "	February 1, 1904.	34,000 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1904.	3,800 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1905.	3,800 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1906.	3,800 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1907.	3,800 00	
Water Bond	7 "	May 1, 1913.	5,000 00	
Forty Year Bond	7 "	July 1, 1913.	7,000 00	
Water Bond	5 "	June 1, 1921.	10,000 00	
				$162,749 61
Cash				8,203 77
				$170,953 38

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 1.

To Pay $150,000 5% Bonds, due April 1, 1911. Fund has its growth by inserting in the Tax Levy such amount each year as the Board of Finance may deem proper.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$2,419 64	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Acc't Adjusted Taxes	4 "	Option of City.	4,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes, 1889	4 "	Option of City.	2,000 00	
Police Department Bond	4 "	January 1, 1898.	5,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	7,000 00	
Police Department Bond	4 "	January 1, 1899.	5,000 00	
Police Department Bond	4 "	January 1, 1900.	5,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1893	4½ "	January 1, 1900.	58,000 00	
Police Department Bond	4 "	January 1, 1901.	5,000 00	
Police Department Bond	4 "	January 1, 1902.	5,000 00	
Police Department Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1905.	5,000 00	
Police Department Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1906.	5,000 00	
Fire Department Bond	4 "	June 1, 1909.	1,000 00	
Assessment (Gold) Bond	5 "	September 1, 1923.	5,000 00	
				$114,419 64
Cash				5,499 64
				$119,919 28

SINKING FUND, 1882, No. 2.

To Pay $450,000 6% Bonds, due June 1, 1910. Fund has its growth by inserting in the Tax Levy of each year a sum not less than 3% of the issue.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$67,425 56	
Temporary Loan Bond, Account Taxes. 1894	4 "	Demand.	33,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Damages Custer Ave	4 "	Demand.	1,829 94	
Temporary Loan Bond, Damages Cator Ave	4 "	Demand.	400 47	
Temporary Loan Bond, Awards West Side Ave.	4 "	Demand.	1,885 16	
Subsequent Tax Bonds	4 "	Option of City.	30,000 00	
Redemption of Loan Bond, Acc't Adjusted Taxes	4 "	Option of City.	16,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	Option of City.	10,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bond, Account Taxes, 1889	4 "	Option of City.	1,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond (Cleaning Streets)	4 "	December 1, 1897.	4,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond (Cleaning Sewers)	4 "	December 1, 1897.	5,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1889	4½ "	July 1, 1898.	9,500 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	16,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1893	4½ "	January 1, 1900.	12,000 00	
Water Bond	7 "	April 1, 1902.	1,000 00	
Water Bond	7 "	September 1, 1902.	20,000 00	
Police Department Bond	4½ "	October 1, 1904.	5,000 00	
Fire Department Bond	4 "	June 1, 1909.	1,000 00	
Assessment (Gold) Bond	5 "	September 1, 1923.	18,000 00	
				$253,041 13
Cash				14,676 91
				$267,718 04

SINKING FUND, 1889, No 1.

To Pay $1,000,000 6% Bonds, due April 1, 1904. Fund has its growth by inserting in the Tax Levy of each year a sufficient amount to pay and discharge the Principal when due.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$8,427 99	
Temporary Loan Bond	4 "	Demand.	6,808 74	
Temporary Loan Bond, Account Taxes, 1894	4 "	Demand.	2,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds	4 "	Option of City.	156,739 59	
Redemption of Land Bond, Acc't Adjusted Taxes	4 "	Option of City.	2,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond	4 "	December 10, 1897	15,361 33	
Armory Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1898.	1,000 00	
City Hall Bond	4 "	January 1, 1898.	1,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	1,000 00	
Armory Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1899.	1,000 00	
City Hall Bond	4 "	January 1, 1899.	10,000 00	
Armory Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1900.	1,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1900.	5,000 00	
City Hall Bond	4 "	January 1, 1900.	10,000 00	
Dock Bond	7 "	June 8, 1900.	1,000 00	
Armory Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1901.	1,000 00	
City Hall Bond	4 "	January 1, 1901.	3,000 00	
Water Bond	7 "	January 1, 1902.	2,000 00	
Water Bond	7 "	September 1, 1902.	2,000 00	
Police Department Bond	4½ "	October 1, 1903.	5,000 00	
New City Hall Bond	4 "	February 1, 1904.	5,000 00	
City of Jersey City Bond	6 "	April 1, 1904.	4,000 00	
Improvement Bond	7 "	June 1, 1905.	1,000 00	
Funded Debt Bond	6 "	February 1, 1909.	2,000 00	
Funded Debt Bond	6 "	June 1, 1910.	5,000 00	
To Pay Difference Betw'n Old & New Assessm'ts	5 "	April 1, 1911.	1,000 00	
Assessment (Gold) Bond	5 "	September 1, 1923.	34,000 00	
Assessment (Gold) Bond	5 "	May 1, 1924.	2,000 00	
				$289,337 65
Cash				4,813 35
				$294,151 00

SINKING FUND, JULY 24, 1901.

To Pay $8,000 4½% Engine House Bonds, due July 24, 1901. Fund has its growth by inserting $1,000 each year in the Tax Levy.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$1,140 83	
Temporary Loan Bond	4 "	Demand.	1,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Account Taxes, 1894	4 "	Demand.	1,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	1,000 00	
				$4,140 83
Cash				101 16
				$4,241 99

SINKING FUND, SEPTEMBER 10, 1902.

To Pay $8,000.00 4½% Fire Department Building Bonds, due September 10, 1902. Fund has its growth by inserting $1,000 each year in the Tax Levy.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.	Demand.	$1,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Mercer Street Damages.	4 "		1,000 00	
				$2,000 00
Cash				26 00
				$2,026 00

SINKING FUND, APRIL 1, 1916.

To Pay $1,469,000 5% Assessment Bonds, due April 1, 1916. Fund has its growth by an addition of $35,000.00 each year from Assessment Account or from the Tax Levy.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$782 21	
Temporary Loan Bond, Monticello Avenue	4 "	Demand.	10,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Acc't Adjusted Taxes	4 "	Option of City.	10,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes, 1889	4 "	Option of City.	3,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Repairs to School B'ldgs	4 "	December 1, 1897.	9,000 00	
City Hall Bond	4 "	January 1, 1898.	9,000 00	
Street Lighting	4 "	July 1, 1898.	3,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	140,000 00	
Engine House Bond	4½ "	December 28, 1903.	3,000 00	
Improvement Bond	7 "	June 1, 1905.	2,000 00	
Water Bond	7 "	May 1, 1913.	3,000 00	
				$192,782 21
Cash				18,199 17
				$210,981 38

SINKING FUND, JANUARY 2, 1922.

To Pay $548,000 5% Assessment Bonds and $200,000 5% General Bonds, due January 2, 1922. Fund has its growth by inserting $15,000 each year in the Tax Levy.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$15,500 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds	4 "	Option of City.	18,056 11	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	Option of City.	14,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes, 1889	4 "	Option of City.	1,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1889	4½ "	July 1, 1898.	5,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	31,000 00	
New City Hall Bond	4 "	February16, 1903.	1,000 00	
Engine House Bond	4½ "	December 28, 1903.	1,000 00	
New City Hall Bond	4 "	February 1, 1904.	1,000 00	
Assessment Bond	5 "	January 2, 1922.	10,000 00	
General Bond	5 "	January 2, 1922.	4,000 00	
				$101,556 11
Cash				1,265 94
				$102,822 05

SINKING FUND, SEPTEMBER 1, 1923.

To Pay $700,000 5% Assessment Gold Bonds, due September 1, 1923. Fund has its growth by inserting $14,000.00 each year in the Tax Levy

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$14,877 07	
Redemption of Land Bonds	4 "	Option of City.	22,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	Option of City.	2,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes, 1889	4 "	Option of City.	2,000 00	
Subsequent Tax Bond	4 "	Option of City.	10,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	October 1, 1898.	3,000 00	
Improvement Bond	7 "	June 1, 1905.	1,000 00	
Funded Debt Bond	6 "	June 1, 1910.	1,000 00	
Assessment Bond	5 "	September 1, 1923.	13,000 00	
				$68,877 07
Cash				1,002 27
				$69,879 34

SINKING FUND, MAY 1, 1924.

To Pay $600,000 5% Assessment Gold Bonds, due May 1, 1924. Fund has its growth by inserting $12,000 each year in the Tax Levy.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$3,106 98	
Temporary Loan Bond	4 "	Demand.	5,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Mercer Street	4 "	Demand.	1,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bonds, Account Taxes, 1889	4 "	Option of City.	6,000 00	
Water Bond	5 "	April 1, 1916.	5,000 00	
Assessment (Gold) Bond	5 "	September 1, 1923.	10,000 00	
				$30,106 98
Cash				5,602 50
				$35,709 48

SINKING FUND, MAY 1, 1927.

To Pay $450,000 4½% Refunded Assessment Gold Bonds, due May 1. 1927. Fund has its growth by inserting in the Tax Levy of each year $9,100.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$2,000 00	
Interest on Improvement Certificates	4 "	Demand.	7,000 00	
Fire Salaries	4 "	January 1, 1898.	12,375 09	
Fire Salaries	4 "	January 1, 1899.	12,375 08	
				$33,750 17
Cash				134 83
				$33,885 00

WATER SINKING FUND.

To Pay $525,000 5% Water Bonds, due February 1, 1913. Fund has its growth by inserting in the Tax Levy of each year twelve thousand dollars ($12,000.)

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$8,395 03	
Temporary Loan Bond	4 "	Demand.	1,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Account Taxes, 1894	4 "	Demand.	28,000 00	
Tax Redemption Bond	4 "	Option of City.	7,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bond, Acc't Adjusted Taxes	4 "	Option of City.	4,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Repairs to School B'ldgs	4 "	December 1, 1897.	1,000 00	
Tax Arrearage Bond, Account Taxes, 1889	4½ "	July 1, 1898.	6,000 00	
Funded Debt Bond	6 "	February 1, 1909.	5,000 00	
Assessment (Gold) Bond	5 "	September 1, 1923.	13,000 00	
Water (Gold) Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1925.	121,000 00	
				$194,395 03
Cash				1,471 04
				$195,866 07

WATER SINKING FUND, 1916.

To Pay $586,000 5% Water Bonds, due April 1, 1916. Fund has its growth by the transfer of $14,000 from Water Account each year.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$5,828 80	
Temporary Loan Bonds, Account Taxes, 1894	4 "	Demand.	2,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Monticello Avenue	4 "	Demand.	11,305 00	
Subsequent Tax Bond	4 "	Option of City.	13,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bond	4 "	Option of City.	1,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Repairs to School B'ldgs	4 "	December 1, 1897.	3,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Expenses R. R. Tax., Etc	4 "	December 1, 1897.	10,181 44	
Water Bond	7 "	January 1, 1902.	21,000 00	
Water Bond	7 "	September 1, 1902.	13,000 00	
City Hall Bond	4 "	February 1, 1903.	2,000 00	
Water Bond	6 "	July 1, 1907.	1,000 00	
Funded Debt Bond	6 "	February 1, 1909.	1,000 00	
Improvement Bond	7 "	July 1, 1913.	2,000 00	
Water (Gold) Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1925.	17,000 00	
				$103,315 24
Cash				909 78
				$104,225 02

WATER SINKING FUND, 1921.

To Pay $350,000 5% Water Bonds, due June 1, 1921. Fund has its growth by the transfer of $7,000 each year from Water Account.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificate	4½ per cent.		$500 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Account Taxes, 1894	4 "	Demand.	1,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bond, Acc't Adjusted Taxes	4 "	Option of City.	9,041 32	
Temporary Loan Bond, Expenses R. R. Tax, Etc	4 "	December 1, 1897.	5,046 05	
City Hall Bond	4 "	January 1, 1901.	7,000 00	
Improvement Bond	7 "	July 1, 1913.	7,000 00	
Water (Gold) Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1925.	19,000 00	
				$48,587 37
Cash				3,335 53
				$51,922 90

WATER SINKING FUND, JANUARY 2, 1922.

To Pay $248,000 5% Water Bonds, due January 2, 1922. Fund has its growth by the transfer of $5,000 each year from Water Account.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates, Laws 1894..	4½ per cent.		$2,384 78	
Six Year Improvement Certificates.....	4½ "		8,884 22	
Redemption of Land Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	Option of City.	1,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Repairs to School B'ldgs	4 "	December 1, 1897.	5,489 65	
Police Department Bond.....	4½	January 1, 1907.	5,100 00	
Water (Gold) Bond.....	4½ "	January 1, 1925.	17,000 00	
				$39,858 65
Cash.....	.....	.....	.....	931 85
				$40,790 50

WATER SINKING FUND, JANUARY 2, 1923.

To Pay $200,000 5% Water Bonds, due January 2, 1923. Fund has its growth by the transfer of $4,000 each year from Water Account.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4¼ per cent.		$3,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bond	4 "	Option of City.	5,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Repairs to School B'ldgs	4 "	December 1, 1897.	4,000 00	
City Hall Bond	4 "	February 1, 1903.	2,000 00	
Improvement Bond	7 "	January 1, 1906.	2,000 00	
Water (Gold) Bond	4½ "	January 1, 1925.	5,000 00	
				$21,000 00
Cash				91 17
				$21,091 17

WATER SINKING FUND, JANUARY 2, 1925.

To Pay $179,000 4½% Water Bonds, due January 2, 1925. Funds has its growth by the transfer of $3,600 each year from Water Account.

SECURITIES.	RATE OF INTEREST.	WHEN DUE.	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.
Six Year Improvement Certificates	4½ per cent.		$326 72	
Interest on Improvement Certificates	4 "	Demand.	12,696 39	
Temporary Loan Bond, Account Taxes, 1894	4 "	Demand.	2,000 00	
Redemption of Land Bond, Account Taxes, 1888	4 "	Option of City.	1,000 00	
Temporary Loan Bond, Repairs to School B'ldgs	4 "	December 1, 1897.	4,000 00	
				$20,023 11
Cash				176 58
				$20,199 69

SUMMARY—WATER SINKING FUND.

DECEMBER 1, 1897.

NAME.	CASH.	SECURITIES.	TOTAL.
Water Sinking Fund	$1,471 04	$194,395 03	$195,866 07
Water Sinking Fund, 1916	908 78	103,315 24	104,225 02
Water Sinking Fund, 1921	3,335 53	48,587 37	51,922 90
Water Sinking Fund, 1922	931 85	39,858 65	40,790 50
Water Sinking Fund, 1923	91 17	21,000 00	21,091 17
Water Sinking Fund, 1925	176 58	20,023 11	20,199 69
	$6,915 95	$427,179 40	$434,095 35

SUMMARY—SINKING FUNDS (EXCEPT WATER FUNDS.)

DECEMBER 1, 1897

NAME.	CASH.	SECURITIES.	TOTAL.
Fund, 1873	$5,369 49	$25,359 80	$30,729 29
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1875 to 1887	7,174 12		7,174 12
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1888	385 33		385 33
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1889	2,809 25	63,239 86	66,049 11
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1890	1,738 76	5,660 96	7,399 72
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1891	2,409 51	280,659 92	283,069 43
Tax Arrearage Fund, 1892	3,108 53	291,403 63	294,512 16
Tax Arrearag Fund, 1893	8,203 77	162,749 61	170,953 38
Sinking Fund, 1882, No. 1	5,499 64	114,419 64	119,919 28
Sinking Fund, 1882, No. 2	14,676 91	253,041 13	267,718 04
Sinking Fund, 1889, No. 1	4,813 35	289,337 65	294,151 00
Sinking Fund, July 24, 1901	101 16	4,140 83	4,241 99
Sinking Fund, September 10, 1902	26 00	2,000 00	2,026 00
Sinking Fund, April 1, 1916	18,199 17	192,782 21	210,981 38
Sinking Fund, January 2, 1922	1,265 94	101,556 11	102,822 05
Sinking Fund, September 1, 1923	1,002 27	68,877 07	69,879 34
Sinking Fund, May 1, 1924	5,602 50	30,106 98	35,709 48
Sinking Fund, May 1, 1927	134 83	33,750 17	33,885 00
	$82,520 53	$1,919,085 57	$2,001,606 10

RECAPITULATION.

DECEMBER 1, 1897.

NAME.	CASH.	SECURITIES.	TOTAL.
Total Sinking Funds, (Except Water Funds).....	$82,520 53	$1,919,085 57	$2,001,606 10
Total Water Sinking Fund.....	6,915 95	427,179 40	434,095 35
	$89,436 48	$2,346,264 97	$2,435,701 45

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Wednesday, April 13, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

The regular order of business was taken up.

PETITIONS, ETC.

The following petitions were presented and received and they were disposed of as follows:—

Petition of John O'Neil for the return of $4.78, for overpayment of taxes, year 1897-98.

Petition of George Becks for the return of $166.63, paid for taxes, year 1897-98, on property purchased by the city for the opening of Baldwin avenue.

Referred to the Committee on Salaries and Claims.

Communication from F. P. Woodcock, Permit Clerk, certifying that the charge of $5 to Mrs. Paul, for shutting off water from service main was a mistake, and recommending that said amount be returned.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Application of John Lockwood for deed No. 1,211, lots 65, 66, block 1,296, Pollock avenue, Report No. 93 (Sale No. 5,357), made by City Collector, April 16, 1895.

Application of John Lockwood for (Deed No. 1,212), Lots 67, 68 and 69, Block 1,256, Pollock avenue, Report No. 93 (Sale No. 5,358) made by City Collector April 16, 1895.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Communication from the George B. Inman Co., requesting Board of Finance to grant them a hearing relative to their bid for a new water supply.

On motion laid on the table.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented, and received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

The Evening Journal Association, $229.16; James B. Hill, $32.48, $94.50, $18.25 and $30.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending the adoption of the following resolution:—

1. Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lots 65 and 66, Block 1,296, Pollock avenue, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (Sale No. 5,357), for which a deed (No. 1,211) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to John Lockwood, or his assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $157.22, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date; and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor, under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

2. Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lots 67, 68 and 69, block 1,296, Pollock avenue, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (Sale No. 5,358), for which a deed (No. 1,212) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to John Lockwood or his assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $251.34, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date; and that upon the payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor, under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

The reports were received and the resolutions were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Concurrent Resolutions reported recommending the adoption of the folowing resolution:—

Resolved, That the Board of Finance hereby concurs in the following resolution, adopted by the Board of Street and Water Commissioners December 13, 1897, to wit:—

1. Ordering paid the following claim.

Lizzie Woodcock, $22.40, claim No. 328.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$229.16 to the Evening Journal Association, for publishing official minutes in April, 1898.

(Chargeable to account "Publishing Official Minutes."

$106 to James F. Norton for fees as Clerk, First Criminal Court for March, 1898.

(Chargeable to account fees, First Criminal Court.)

$94.50 to James B. Hill, for stationery, etc., for City Comptroller.

$32.40 to James B. Hill for stationery, etc., furnished to City Collector.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1897-98.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$30 to James B. Hill for stationery, etc., furnished the Board of Finance.

$18.25 to James B. Hill for postage stamps, stationery, etc., for Mayor's office.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1897-98.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That the City Collector be and he is hereby directed and empowered to forthwith advertise and sell, in the manner provided by Section 13, Chapter 112, of the Laws of 1886, and the supplements and amendments thereto, all lands and real estate in Jersey City, whereon the taxes and assessments, in the First, Second and Third wards of said city, have remained unpaid for the space of two (2) years, from date of confirmation of said taxes and assessments, as appear on schedule No. 2, submitted by the City Collector, with his communication, dated March 30, 1898, and received by this Board April 6, 1898, and which taxes and assessments have not been adjusted by the Commissioners of Adjustment.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn upon the City Treasurer in favor of F. H. Herterich, for the sum of $80, to return amount of deposit made on June 23, 1897, on account of purchase of lot 3, Block 225, Henderson street.

By Mr. Kellers, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $5 in favor of Mrs. Paul, to return erroneous charge for shutting off water for leak in service, Block 627, lot A5, No. 30 Virginia avenue, paid March 19, 1898, the Permit Clerk certifying that the water was shut off from said premises by mistake.

On motion of Mr. Simpson the Board then adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms at the City Hall, on Wednesday, April 20, 1898, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Absent—None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.

The minutes of the regular meeting, April 6, 1898, and of the adjourned regular meeting, April 13, 1898, were approved as engrossed in the "Minute Book," on motion of Mr. Simpson.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Application of William E. Carter, for deed No. 1,006, lot 66, block 1,200, New County Road, report No. 77, sale No. 3,712, sold by City Collector, October 3, 1893.

Application of William E. Carter, for deed No. 1,080, lot 32, block 971, Allen street, report No. 72, sale No. 3,320, sold by City Collector, October 18, 1892.

Application of William E. Carter, for deed No. 1,232, lots 21 to 28, block 971, Allen street, report No. 72, sale No. 3,313, sold by City Collector, October 18, 1892.

Application of William E. Carter, for deed No. 1,233, lot 29, block 971, Allen street, report 72, sale No. 3,316, sold by City Collector, October 18, 1892.

Application of William E. Carter, for deed No. 1,234, lot 30, block 971, Allen street, report No. 72, sale No. 3,317, sold by City Collector, October 18, 1892.

Application of William E. Carter, for deed No. 1,235, lot 31, block 971, Allen street, report No. 72, sale No. 3,318, sold by City Collector October 18, 1892.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

The following official bonds were presented, received and they were each referred to the Committee on Finance:—

Bond of John M. Leonard, Jr., as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Joseph Samuel and Robert Elliott as sureties.

Bond of William Herche, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John A. Vill and Hugh Coyle as sureties.

Bond of William H. Thompson, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Cornelius J. Cronan and William W. Farrier as sureties.

Bond of John H. Masker, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with James F. Gannon and Cornelius J. Cronan as sureties.

Bond of Frank Meyer, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Henry Windecker and Henry Puster as sureties.

The following official bonds were also presented, received and they were each referred to the Corporation Counsel:—

Bond of Joseph Locke, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John McCarty and Ernest J. Leonard as sureties.

Bond of Daniel Gilligan, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with John O'Brien and Nicholas Farley as sureties.

CLAIMS.

The following claims were presented and received, and they were each referred to their appropriate committees:—

The Evening Journal Association, $91.20; James B. Hill, $54.50, $63 and $72; Hamilton A. Lush, $70; The Jersey City News, $229.16 and $93; J. W. Harrison, $13.40; W. G. E. See, $11.58; J. Herbert Potts, $102; Frank J. Higgins, $68; Frank Stevens, $260, $445.33, $165.74, $457.50 and $170.81.

OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS.

From His Honor the Mayor:—

Jersey City, N. J., April 19, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:—

Gentlemen—I herewith return to your Honorable Board, without my approval, the resolution which was adopted at your meeting, held April 6, and presented to me for my approval April 14, 1898, and of which the enclosed is a certified copy.

I have taken this action for the reason that I am advised that it is illegal. The reason given by your Honorable Board for the proposed cancellation of the assessment of certain personal taxes, namely, that "the parties no longer do business or reside at the location given in the year named," does not assail the legality of imposition, and your Honorable Board is without power to cancel a tax legally assessed. If the taxes were illegally assessed they can be cancelled, but this fact is not displayed in the resolution.

Respectfuly submitted,

EDWARD HOOS,

Mayor.

Laid on the table.

From the Corporation Counsel:—

Jersey City, April 15, 1898.

To the Honorable the Board of Finance:

Gentlemen—In the matter of a resolution pending before your Board, for the engrossing of certain minutes of proceedings had in years prior to 1889, I do not perceive that the work would be of any value. The engrossed minutes would be merely copies of those printed, and could not acquire any evidential force by reason of the engrossing.

Yours truly,

ALLAN L. McDERMOTT,

Corporation Counsel.

Received and ordered filed.

From the Ravine Road Sewer Commission:—

Jersey City, April 18, 1898.

Hon. Board of Finance of Jersey City:—

Gentlemen—I herewith submit to you, as required by the statute, requisition for seventh payment to Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine road sewer extension in accordance with the estimate of the Engineer, amounting to eight thousand, five hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents ($8,538.81).

Also requisition in favor of Hugh Kelly, for the sum of eighty-one ($81) dollars for services as inspector in said im-

provement from March first to April first, 1898.

Also requisition in favor of Robert W. Hunt & Co., for the sum of six hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty-two cents ($619.62), for services in testing and inspecting the material at mills and inspecting and supervising workmanship of finished pipe done at works of Maryland Steel Company, making a total requisition of nine thousand, two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and forty-three cents ($9,239.43).

Attached to the requisition is a certified copy of the engineer's estimate and approved claim of Hugh Kelly and approved claim of Robert W. Hunt & Company.

Respectfully,

EDLOW W. HARRISON.
President Ravine Road Sewer Commission.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee on Finance reported recommending the adoption of the following resolutions:—

1. Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, Lot 66, Block 1,200, New County Road, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (sale No. 3,712), for which a deed (No. 1,006) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to William E. Carter, or his assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $861.77, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

2. Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, Lot 32, Block 971, Allen street, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (Sale No. 3,320), for which a deed (No. 1,080) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to William E. Carter, or his assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $193.50, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer, a deed be executed therefor, under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

3. Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lots 21 to 28, block 971, Allen street, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (sale No. 3,313), for which a deed (No. 1,232) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to William E. Carter, or his assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $877.88, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date; and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor, under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

4. Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lot 29, block 971, Allen street, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (sale No. 3,316), for which a deed (No. 1,233) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to William E. Carter, or his assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $151.35, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be aproved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

5. Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lot 30, Block 971, Allen street, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (sale No. 3,317), for which a deed (No. 1,234) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to William E. Carter, or his assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $234.33, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall

contain a full warranty title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

6. Resolved, That in accordance with Chapter 23, Laws of 1897, lot 31, Block 971, Allen street, being property purchased by the city under adjustment tax sale (sale No. 3,318), for which a deed (No. 1,235) has been given, vesting the title in the city, be sold and conveyed to William E. Carter, or his assigns, in fee simple, free from all encumbrances, for the sum of $234.36, now due the city thereon, which includes all taxes, assessments and water rents levied since the date of the order confirming the adjusted liens, with interest and costs to date, and that upon payment of said amount to the City Treasurer, a deed be executed therefor under the seal of the city and the hand of His Honor the Mayor, and delivered to said purchaser, which deed shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel, and shall contain a full warranty of title to the amount paid to the city by said purchaser.

The report was received and the resolutions were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Finance further reported recommending that the following bonds, approved by the Corporation Counsel as drawn in legal form, referred to at this meeting, be received and approved, and that they be entered at large upon the bond book and filed:—

Bond of John M. Leonard, Jr., as constable in the sum of $1,000, with Joseph Samuel and Robert Elliott as sureties.

Bond of William Hirche as constable, in the sum of $1,000 with John A. Vill and Hugh Coyle as sureties.

Bond of William H. Thompson as constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Cornelius J. Cronan and William W. Farrier as sureties.

Bond of John H. Masker as constable in the sum of $1,000 with James F. Gannon and Cornelius J. Cronan as sureties.

Bond of Frank Meyer, as Constable, in the sum of $1,000, with Henry Windecker and Henry Puster as sureties.

The report was received, the recommendations therein contained were adopted and the bonds were each approved by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Salaries and Claims reported, recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$70 to Hamilton A. Lush, for services as assistant to clerk, First District Court, for month of April, 1898, when due.

(Chargeable to account District Court fees.)

$102 to J. Herbert Potts, fees as Judge, Second Criminal Court, bill April 14, 1898.

$68 to Frank J. Higgins, fees as Clerk, Second Criminal Court, bill April 14, 1898.

(Chargeable to account Second Criminal Court fees.)

$229.16 to The Jersey City News, for advertising official minutes in April, 1898.

(Chargeable to account publishing official minutes.)

$165.74 to Frank Stevens, for expenses of auction sale, April 13, 20 and 27, 1898, posting posters, truck and team, stamps for mailing, etc.

$445.33 to Frank Stevens, for expenses of auction sale, April 13, 20 and 27, 1898, labor at bill posting, etc., diagram maps, etc.

$260 to Frank Stevens, for expenses of auction sale, April 13, 20 and 27, 1898, advertising in Jersey City News and Evening Journal.

$457.50 to Frank Stevens, for expenses of auction sale, April 13, 20 and 27, 1898, printing and posting.

$93 to the Jersey City News for advertising City Collector's tax sale, No. 18.

$91.20 to the Evening Journal Association for publishing City Collector's tax sale, No. 18.

$63 to James B. Hill for printing pamphlets of City Collector's tax sale, No. 1, padded, including corrections by order of City Collector.

$72 to James B. Hill for postage stamps and printing blank forms for City Collector.

(Chargeable to account Martin act.)

$170.81 to Frank Stevens for commissions on collection of rents from city property, quarter ending March 31, 1898.

(Chargeable to account rents, Martin act.)

$11.58 to W. G. E. See for fees as Supreme Court Commissioner, taking testimony on rule to show cause, in case St. Louis Art Metal Co. vs. Jersey City.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1897-1898.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The same committee further reported recommending the adoption of a resolution ordering the payment of the salaries of the Mayor and others for the month of April, 1898, when due, amounting to $4,-520.63.

The report was received and the resolution was adopted by the following vote,

on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

The Committee on Printing, Stationery and Supplies reported, recommending the adoption of resolutions ordering paid the following claims:—

$54.50 to James B. Hill, for printing for Board of Finance.

$13.40 to J. W. Harrison, for stationery supplies furnished to City Collector.

(Chargeable to account claims, 1897-98.)

The report was received and the claims were each ordered paid by the following vote, on the call for the ayes and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the following vote on the call for the yeas and nays by the President:—

Ayes—President Brautigam and Messrs. Bailey, Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—5.

Nays—None.

Absent—None.

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for $390 in favor of Randolph, Condict & Black, to reimburse them for moneys expended in the settlement of the case pending in the New Jersey Supreme Court, brought by the Commercial Investment Building and Loan Association against The Mayor and Aldermen of Jersey City, and under the understanding had with the Corporation Counsel (Mr. Blair), the latter advising that the warrant should be ordered drawn to pay said amount, as appears by his endorsements upon the communications submitted to this Board, dated February 16 and March 16, 1898, and that said amount be paid out of the account of "adjusted liens."

By Mr. Midlige, on behalf of the Committee on Salaries and Claims:—

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer to pay salaries of members of the Board of Finance, as follows:—

Henry Brautigam, from January 24 to April 23, 1898 (both inclusive), $125.

Henry L. Kellers, from January 24 to April 23, 1898 (both inclusive), $125.

James S. Bailey, from January 24 to April 23, 1898 (both inclusive), $125.

Reuben Simpson, from January 24 to April 23, 1898 (both inclusive), $125.

William F. Midlige, for February, March and April, 1898, $125.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, On the 4th day of February, 1897, this Board passed a preamble and resolutions appropriating the sum of $12,000, and ordered the said sum set aside for the use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners to purchase a plot of ground in the Marion section of this city, and the erection thereon of a suitable building for use of the Fire Department of this city, and providing for the issuing of bonds of the city in the sum of $12,000; and

Whereas, Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 142, Section 2, Laws of 1897, the construction, furnishing, repairing and maintenance of Fire Department buildings shall be placed under the control and management of the Board of Fire Commissioners of this city and the Board of Finance shall have the power to select sites and to purchase in the corporate name of the city real estate for the use and purposes of such Fire Department; therefore,

Resolved, That so much of said preamble and resolution as refers to setting aside the sum of $12,000 for the exclusive use of the Board of Street and Water Commissioners for the purposes hereinbefore mentioned, be and the same is hereby reconsidered and rescinded; and

Resolved, That the sum of $1,050 be and the same is hereby appropriated and set aside for the use of the Board of Finance out of the $12,000 appropriated February 4, 1897, above mentioned, to purchase the following site for the erection thereon by the Board of Fire Commissioners of a suitable building for Fire Department purposes, the property being known and described as follows:—One city plot, situate on the northwest corner of Sip and Garrison avenues, Jersey City, being twenty-five (25) feet on the northerly side of Sip avenue, and running one hundred and twenty (120) feet north on Garrison avenue.

Resolved, That a warrant be ordered drawn in favor of Isaac Romaine, owner, for $1,050, in full payment of the above mentioned plot, purchased for site for Fire Department purposes, the warrant as aforesaid not to be delivered by the City Clerk until a proper deed vesting the title of said property in the city free from all encumbrances and duly approved by the Corporation Counsel, shall have first been filed; and further

Resolved, That the sum of $10,950 (being the balance of the $12,000 originally appropriated to the Board of Street and Water Commissioners) be and is hereby ordered set aside for the use of the Board of Fire Commissioners, to construct, furnish, repair and maintain a Fire Department building, in accordance with Chapter 142, Section 2, Laws of 1897.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, This Board did at a meeting

held May 7, 1896, pass the following preamble and resolution:—

Whereas, Since the passage of the Martin Act in 1886 (Chapter 112 of the laws of that year) many supplements and amendments have been passed thereto and the same have not been codified and placed in convenient shape for the use of the general public, so that all of the provisions of said law may be easily understood; and

Whereas, The city has purchased at the various tax sales a great number of tracts of land and is desirous of disposing of the same; and

Whereas, At the recent sales there has been an indisposition on the part of the public to purchase, through lack of information as to the rights acquired upon such purchase and the methods of obtaining an absolute title to said property thereunder, free from the claims of all persons whomsoever; and

Whereas, It is the opinion of this Board that a decided effort should be made to procure purchasers for said property, and to put before the public in a convenient and intelligible form the laws governing the same and the method of acquiring such absolute title; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be and is hereby authorized to employ with the assistance of the City Comptroller, some competent and experienced person to codify and annotate said act and to prepare in convenient pamphlet form the law as it now exists, with complete directions for obtaining title thereunder, and such other matters as may be pertinent to the collection of said taxes and the sale of said lands, and that the compensation of such person (at a sum less than $500) be paid out of the receipts for adjusted taxes, assessments and water rents upon the recommendation of the said committee and passage by this Board; provided, however, that such employment and compensation shall first have received the approval of this Board; and

Whereas, The sales held since the passage of said resolution have still further demonstrated the necessity of said codification and annotation of the "Martin Act"; and

Resolved, That in accordance with the terms of said resolution the Committee on Finance employ Howard C. Griffiths to codify and annotate the "Martin Act" and the various supplements and amendments thereto, and to prepare in convenient form the law as it now exists, with complete directions for obtaining title thereunder, and such other matters as may be pertinent to the collection of said taxes and the sale of said lands at the compensation established in the resolution heretofore adopted, to be paid as therein provided; and

Resolved, That this Board hereby approves of such employment of said Howard C. Griffiths and of the compensation provided for.

By Mr. Bailey, on behalf of the Committee on Finance:—

Whereas, The commission for the reconstruction and extension of the Ravine Road sewer, acting under the provisions of "An act to provide for the reconstruction of main outlet sewers heretofore constructed at the joint expense of two cities," approved March 18, 1890 (General Statutes, pages 618, etc.), and the supplements thereto, have issued requisitions on this Board for the following bills incurred in the performance of said work.

Resolved, That warrants be ordered drawn on the City Treasurer for the following amounts for the following purposes in connection with the work of said commission.

(1) To Thomas Cavanagh, contractor, for the construction of the Ravine Road sewer extension, for the sum of eight thousand five hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-one cents ($8,538.81), being seventh payment under his contract.

(2) To Hugh Kelly for the sum of eighty-one dollars ($81), for services as inspector on said sewer from March 1 to April 1, 1890.

(3) To Robert W. Hunt & Company for the sum of six hundred and nineteen dollars and sixty-two cents ($619.62), for services in testing and inspecting the material at mills and inspecting and supervising workmanship of finished pipe, done at works of Maryland Steel Company, making a total payment of nine thousand two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and forty-three cents ($9,239.43).

Resolved, That in order to raise the moneys required for such payments, the said sum of nine thousand two hundred and thirty-nine dollars and forty-three cents ($9,239.43) be borrowed in anticipation of the collection of the assessment to be made for the reconstruction of said sewer, and that bonds of the city, under the seal of the city, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and countersigned by the City Comptroller, be issued for that amount in such denominations as may be fixed by the Committee on Finance of this Board, and to be due and payable January 1, 1901, bearing interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum, payable half yearly, on the first days of January and July in each year; and be it further

Resolved, That said bonds be sold under the direction of the Committee on Finance of this Board, at not less than par and accrued interest, and that the proceeds thereof be appropriated for the payment of the warrants above mentioned; and be it further

Resolved, That all assessments collected upon said improvement be and they are pledged to the redemption and payment of the bonds issued and to be issued for such improvement.

Mr. Simpson moved that when this Board adjourns it be to meet on Friday, April 22, 1898, at 8 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of approving the minutes.

Adopted.

The Board then adjourned, on motion of Mr. Simpson.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

Adjourned regular meeting of the Board of Finance was held in its rooms, at the City Hall, on Friday, April 22, 1898, at eight o'clock P. M.

Present — President Brautigam and Messrs. Kellers, Midlige and Simpson—4.

Absent—Mr. Bailey—1.

The minutes of the regular meeting of April 20, 1898, were approved as engrossed in the "Minute Book," on motion of Mr. Simpson.

The following resolutions were presented and received and they were each adopted by the votes of all the members present, four (4) in number.

By Mr. Midlige:—

Whereas, Hon. Henry Brautigam is about to retire from the presidency of this Board, by limitation of his term as a member thereof, a position which he has held with distinguished ability during the past two years: and

Whereas, His services during his term have redounded to the advantage of the city, and his treatment of the members of this Board has always been characterized by exceeding fairness and courtesy;

Resolved, That we hereby attest our appreciation of the services rendered by him as President and member of the Board of Finance of Jersey City, and extend our best wishes in his present and future undertakings.

By Mr. Simpson:—

Whereas, The term of Henry L. Kellers, as member of this Board, is about to expire: and

Whereas, His membership in this Board has been distinguished by honorable conduct and unfailing consideration for his fellow members;

Resolved, That we express in this manner our high estimation of the services rendered by him as a member of the Board of Finance of Jersey City, and wish him continued and increasing success in the future.

By Mr. Kellers:—

Resolved, That this Board express its appreciation of the ability and courtesy demonstrated by Martin Finck, Clerk of this Board, during his term, and extends to him its gratitude for the same.

By Mr. Brautigam:—

Resolved, That this Board hereby records its consideration of the faithful and attentive conduct of his position by Winfield C. Dunn, assistant to the Clerk of this Board.

The Board then, on motion of Mr. Simpson, adjourned.

MARTIN FINCK,
Clerk.

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